

1957

ANNUAL REPORT



MASSACHUSETTS

A G A W A M



F O R E W O R D

Last year's Annual Town Report received national recognition by the National Institute of Municipal Clerks as one of the top five in the country — with the comment:

"From the Western end of the Bay State, Agawam features on the front cover of its attractive 94-page report a picture of a boy intent on completing his painting, while the inside cover captures his schoolmates at the same task. This annual report, dedicated to 'Agawam's greatest asset and hope in the future — our Youth' is illustrated with paintings and drawings which were produced in the art classes of the town's elementary schools."

Also, last year's report received commendation by the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association in their contest by being placed in the top eight of its population group. Special recognition was noted for "Good photography on cover," meaningful examples of accomplishment and problem summaries and Good Use of photography."

Our efforts this year again are toward "brevity," with charts to illustrate certain details and an organization chart. Departmental reports have been summarized: complete details are available to any citizen at any of the offices.

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This report is dedicated to "Recreation — one of our greatest safeguards from juvenile delinquency."

Grateful acknowledgment is made to those other citizens and town officers whose cooperation and assistance were needed.

BRANDON N. LETELLIER
FREDERICK C. EMERSON

WADSWORTH C. HINE
FRANCIS W. O'CONNOR

1957

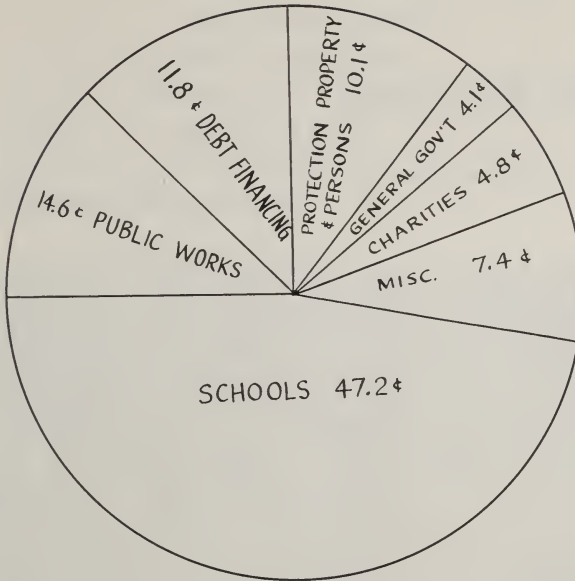
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Your Tax Dollar – 1957



Town Calendar

OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday
9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Thursday Evening
7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

BOARD MEETINGS

Selectmen — Monday Evenings, 7:30 P.M.
Planning Board — First Thursday of Month

TELEPHONES

Town Hall, all departments in building	RE 7-2616
Police Department	RE 7-4767
Fire Department	RE 6-2131
School Department	RE 4-8045

Agawam Directory

Incorporated May 17, 1855

Population 1955 Census — 13,177

United States Senators

Leverett Saltonstall of Newton

John F. Kennedy of Boston

Representative in Congress

Second Congressional District

Edward P. Boland of Springfield

Councilor

Eighth District

Raymond F. Sullivan of Springfield

State Senator

Hampden, Hampshire — Berkshire District

Otto F. Burkhardt of Westfield

Representative in General Court

Eleventh Hampden District

George W. Porter of Agawam

William A. Cowing of West Springfield

Annual Town Election

Third Monday in February

Annual Town Meeting

First Saturday in March at 10:00 A.M.

Highlights of 1957

Start of Sewer Interceptor — North Agawam
First Supt. of Public Works appointed
Completion of South Street School
Chapter 90 Construction — Cooper & Mill Sts.
Extension of Industrial Zoning
Construction started Woodlawn Country Club
Field House, Shea's Field



As We Look Ahead

Proposed New Armory
Meadow Street By-Pass to start 1958
School Sxpansion
Revised Town Zoning and Master Plan
Sewer Interceptor — Agawam Center
Building Code — passed town meeting February 1958
Commercial and Industrial Growth

Elected Town Officers

MODERATOR

Paul R. Langlois

SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF HEALTH

Irving R. LaFleur

Walter T. Kerr

James P. Kane

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

Brandon N. Letellier

TOWN COLLECTOR

Margaret E. Ferranti

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Elizabeth B. Pond 1958 Paul G. Query 1959

Lawrence E. Menard 1958 Katherine G. Danahy 1960

Paul J. Adams 1959 Stewart R. Safford 1960

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

William M. Bardwell, 1958

George L. Reynolds, 1959

Francis P. Cleary, 1960

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Clara J. McVeigh, 1958

Eva S. Kerr, 1959

Odette Z. Benjamin, 1960

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Jerrie Cavanaugh, 1958

Andrew Chriscola, 1959

Leonard P. Rising, 1960

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Richard J. Stapleton, 1958

G. Arthur Armstrong, 1959

Noel E. Brown, 1960

TRUSTEES OF THE WHITING STREET FUND

George A. Toussaint, 1958

Homer C. Allen, 1959

TREE WARDEN

Elmer Cascio, 1960

PLANNING BOARD

Clifford D. Pond, 1958

Raymond E. Charest, 1959

John B. Cirillo, 1960

Walter J. LaFrancis, 1961

Raymond E. Harris, 1962

PARKS, PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION COMMISSION

F. Joseph Napolitan, 1959 Vito N. Depalo, 1958 Samuel F. Provo, 1960

AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

Francis J. Gensheimer, State Appointee

Jules K. DeForge, 1958

Ted E. Dynia, 1959

Thomas Patrick Meredith, 1960

Arthur W. LaFleur, 1961

Appointed Town Officers

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Frances M. Pedulla

CHIEF OF POLICE AND DOG OFFICER

Roland C. Reed

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

John W. Parent

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Theodore Hamel

WELFARE AGENT

Leafie N. Maynard, Acting

VETERANS AGENT — BURIAL AGENT

Andrew C. Gallano

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES MEASURER OF WOOD — PUBLIC WEAHER

Louis D. Draghetti

SURVEYOR OF LUMBER

Charles W. Hull

GYPSY MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Dominick J. Ricco

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Francis J. Murphy, Jr.

INSPECTOR OF MEATS

Herbert G. Haylor

INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

Herbert G. Taylor

Artem Honchar

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Richard T. Wilson

FENCE VIEWERS

William H. Lester

James W. Cesan

BUILDING INSPECTOR

James J. Gloster

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Edward J. Desmarais

WIRING INSPECTOR

O. William Anderson

TOWN COUNSEL

William T. Walsh

TOWN PROSECUTOR

Efrem A. Gordon

BOARD OF APPEALS

Harold C. Atwater
James H. Kerr

Julia A. Alvigini
Paul J. Adams, Alt.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Arthur W. Johnson
Phillips V. Hembdt

Hollis F. Kane
Beatrice M. Barker

Frank A. Grasso
Benjamin S. Bassani

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Alvin R. Kellogg, Jr.
Louis J. Lovotti

Richard J. Reiker
Brandon N. Letellier

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

Arthur Zavarella

PERSONNEL BOARD

Daniel F. Sullivan

Ted E. Dynia

William J. DeForge, Jr.

PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

Joseph DellaGiustina

INDUSTRIAL AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

David C. Gallano
Gordon H. Salmonsens
Kenneth A. Hollister
Walter J. LaFrancis
Charles Ferrero

James H. Chandler
William Brezinski
Stephen W. Sliech
Valentine R. Moreno
Anthony W. Nacewicz

Joseph P. McMahon
Henry W. Lawson
Henry E. Patnaude
Raymond Deloghia
David K. Tucker

Walter S. Kerr

Welfare Agent from March 20, 1937 to January 27, 1957

Leslie C. Miller

Veterans Agent from September 13, 1946 to October 13, 1957



Board of Selectmen

The Town of Agawam, in 1957, has shown an increase in Industrial and Business building and development, with a small decrease in residential building with a trend toward slightly higher priced homes.

The Business Development commission submitted two tracts of land for industrial zoning to the Town Meeting. One of which was voted — the “Silver-Suffield-Shoemaker Lane Tract”. This should lead to more new business and industrial growth in the near future. A new Country Club is now under construction off Shoemaker Lane in the Connecticut State Line area.

The new type street lighting on our main highways has been continued on Main St., and Springfield St., with Maple Street being completed. The Board, as stated last year, desires to see this program continued until all our main highways are properly lighted.

A major step toward better sewerage disposal was undertaken with the start of construction of an interceptor sewer line to remove all sewerage from the Westfield River. This is being done with the co-operation of Federal and Town Government — both sharing in the expense, and will be completed during 1958.

The construction of the New South Street School was completed, at a cost considerably below the state average, and is now in full use.

The establishment of a Public Works Department has taken place, and is showing good results. The collection of garbage has been let out on private contract and is proving very satisfactory.

The Western Hampden District of Veterans' Services, consisting of Agawam, Southwick and Granville has shown its value in many ways. The Town lost a very good friend of the Veterans in the passing of Mr. Leslie C. Miller, who took a big part in establishing the Veterans District, and also acted as its agent.

The members of this Board wish to express appreciation for the co-operation of Town employees, Department heads and the Towns people during the past year. Our Board will continue to render any service possible for the good of Agawam and its people.



Town Accountant

RECEIPTS GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes:

Current Year	\$ 1,458,681.88	
Previous Years	72,772.70	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,531,454.58
In Lieu of Taxes — City of Springfield	3,297.60	
Sale of Real Estate	8,120.00	
Housing Authority	1,584.00	
	<hr/>	13,001.60
Tax Titles	775.45	
Tax Possessions	145,000.00	
	<hr/>	145,775.45

From State:		
Income Tax	23,879.04	
Corporation Tax — Business	52,009.56	
Meal Tax	2,133.48	
Aid — Teachers Salaries	114,817.65	
Braille Instruction	602.20	
High School Transportation	49,415.54	
Reimbursement — Loss of Taxes	8,844.79	
	<hr/>	251,702.26
Licenses and Permits:		
Liquor	13,580.00	
All Other	3,657.00	
	<hr/>	17,237.00
Fines and Forfeits:		
District Court Fines	1,645.40	
Plan Forfeit — Contract Violations	915.00	
	<hr/>	2,560.40
Grants and Gifts:		
From Federal Government:		
Old Age Assistance	40,158.70	
Aid to Dependent Children	10,834.67	
Disability Assistance	2,356.16	
Smith Hughes and George Barden Funds	1,374.00	
	<hr/>	54,723.53
From State:		
School Building Assistance	83,153.44	
Vocational Education	9,393.18	
	<hr/>	92,546.62
From County:		
Dog Licenses		1,377.09
Privileges — Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Current Year	152,075.28	
Previous Years	65,227.78	
	<hr/>	217,303.06
Farm Animal Excise		336.83
Special Assessments:		
Sidewalk	44.97	
Sewer	9,773.51	
	<hr/>	9,818.48
Assessments Paid in Advance		1,481.13

Departmental Revenue:		
General Government	4,264.84	
Town Clerk — Dog Licenses	2,995.05	
	<hr/>	7,259.89
Protection of Persons and Property		488.50
Health and Sanitation:		
Sewer Connections	10,415.00	
All Other	2,871.50	
	<hr/>	13,286.50
Highways:		
From State — Chapter 90	20,756.63	
Chapter 718 — Acts of 1956	26,244.21	
From County — Chapter 90	11,599.84	
From Individual — a/c Receivable	13.05	
	<hr/>	58,613.73
Charities:		
Welfare:		
From State	1,627.47	
From Cities and Towns	3,610.34	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
From State	8,287.38	
Old Age Assistance:		
From State	34,823.23	
From Cities and Towns	,155.92	
Disability Assistance:		
From State	414.25	
	<hr/>	48,918.59
Veterans' Benefits — From State		4,531.72
Schools:		
Tuition	1,974.98	
All Other	1,025.77	
	<hr/>	3,000.75
School Athletics	7,534.76	
School Lunch	128,384.85	
	<hr/>	135,919.61
Libraries — Fines		157.75
Recreation		111.46
Unclassified:		
Police Station Damage	10.00	

School Damage	372.23	
Withholding Taxes	151,472.16	
Contributory Retirement	23,306.54	
Blue Cross	13,744.79	
U. S. Savings Bonds	2,543.62	
Group Insurance	724.70	
Credit Union	2,078.50	
Flood Damage Reimbursement	9,191.42	
Petty Cash Returned	460.00	
	<hr/>	203,903.96
Public Service Enterprices:		
Water Receipts:		
Rates	115,949.27	
Connections and Deposits	7,600.00	
Miscellaneous	4,361.85	
	<hr/>	127,911.12
Interest:		
On Deferred Taxes	2,427.12	
All Other	964.59	
	<hr/>	3,391.71
Loans:		
Temporary Loans		500,000.00
Agency, Trust and Investment:		
Library and Cemetery Fund Income	1,373.44	
Investment of School Bonds	14,312.81	
State Bottling Licenses	20.00	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	89.20	
Bid Plan Deposit	10,000.00	
	<hr/>	25,795.45
Refunds and Reimbursements:		
Departmental	1,786.15	
All Other	219.10	
	<hr/>	2,005.25
Total Receipts		\$ 3,474,614.02
Cash on Hand January 1, 1957		1,038,649.63
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GRAND TOTAL		\$ 4,513,263.65

PAYMENTS
GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator	\$	\$	25.00
Selectmen:			
Salaries	\$	6,728.00	
All Other		,598.22	
		<hr/>	7,326.22
Accounting:			
Salaries		6,338.00	
All Others		489.31	
		<hr/>	6,827.31
Treasurer and Town Clerk:			
Salaries		12,722.80	
All Other		2,451.74	
		<hr/>	15,174.54
Accounting Machine			4,465.00
Collector:			
Salaries		11,600.00	
All Other		2,772.69	
		<hr/>	14,372.69
Assessors:			
Salaries		12,652.30	
All Other		3,519.48	
		<hr/>	16,171.78
New Maps			10,940.71
Law:			
Salaries		3,000.00	
All Other		1,200.50	
		<hr/>	4,200.50
Election and Registration:			
Salaries		2,751.60	
All Other		1,198.93	
		<hr/>	3,950.53
Engineering:			
Salaries & Wages		14,233.03	
All Other		1,358.18	
		<hr/>	15,591.21
Town Hall:			
Salaries		6,863.00	

Fuel, Light and Telephone	4,688.72	
All Other	3,293.18	
	<hr/>	14,844.90
Other Town Buildings		209.00
Projection of Persons & Property		
School Traffic Officers		4,970.36
Police:		
Salaries	96,758.17	
New Cruisers	3,871.72	
New Ambulance	239.42	
All Other	11,803.98	
	<hr/>	112,673.29
Fire:		
Salaries	74,083.67	
Hose	1,286.80	
All Other	7,039.17	
	<hr/>	82,409.64
Sealer of Weights & Measures		
Salary	1,600.00	
All Other	498.96	
	<hr/>	2,098.96
Building Inspector:		
Salary	4,996.80	
All Other	775.02	
	<hr/>	5,771.82
Building Code		367.88
Electrical Inspector:		
Salary	1,500.00	
All Other	377.42	
	<hr/>	1,877.42
Gypsy Moth		500.00
Forestry:		
Salary and Labor	4,994.20	
Equipment Rentals	1,999.50	
Spraying	1,300.00	
New Tree Planting	2,000.00	
Dutch Elm Trees	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	11,293.70
Dog Officer		243.50

Health and Sanitation:

Salaries	5,600.80	
Hospitals	1,309.24	
Polio Clinic	283.33	
All Other	1,262.95	
	<hr/>	8,456.32

Nurses:

Salaries	11,266.00	
Car	545.00	
All Other	1,481.70	
	<hr/>	13,292.70

Inspections:

Animal and Slaughter	1,188.00	
Plumbing	3,416.58	
	<hr/>	4,604.58

Aerial Mosquito Spraying		2,230.00
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Sewer Construction:

South St. Sanitary Sewer 1956		10.00
South St. Sanitary Sewer 1957		16,494.95
Senator Ave. Storm Sewer		1,331.86
Senator Ave. Sanitary Sewer		1,444.17
Brookline Ave. Storm Sewer		1,150.37
Westfield River Interceptor Sewer		31,192.47
Fairview Ave. Sanitary Sewer		32,745.15
Federal St. Ext. Sanitary & Storm Sewer		37,156.00
Cooper St. Sewer		2,696.78
Interceptor Sewer Plans		1,017.36
Drain Pipe		450.00

Sewer Maintenance:

Labor	18,496.11	
All Other	13,195.36	
	<hr/>	31,691.47

Refuse and Garbage:

Rubbish Collection	8,756.64	
Garbage Collection	13,459.09	
	<hr/>	22,215.73

Department of Public Works — Highways:

Chapter 90 Construction 1956		32,924.07
Chapter 90 Construction 1957		2,092.04
Chapter 90 Maintenance 1957		10,499.84

Adams Street Reconstruction		3,285.96
North Street Reconstruction 1956		12,000.00
North Street — Chapter 718		26,235.48
Highway — Reconstruction, etc.		16,874.63
Cooper St. Sidewalk		8,579.57
Administration Salaries		10,093.00
Highway Maintenance:		
Labor	23,057.30	
All Other	11,492.21	
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		34,549.51
Road Machinery Account		10,853.79
New Equipment		1,200.00
Sidewalk Maintenance		2,998.44
Snow Removal		17,186.88
Maintenance Oiling		17,699.84
Repairs due to Water Dept. Work		1,999.87
Street Lights		42,319.31
Westfield River Rip Rapping		6,650.00
D.P.W. Men's Locker Room		1,185.98
Water:		
Salaries and Labor	28,208.30	
All Other	27,268.26	
Construction	15,098.03	
Contract	50,477.02	
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		121,051.61
Meadow Street Water Main		1,293.38
Charities and Veterans' Benefits		
Welfare:		
Administration	2,100.00	
Relief	12,682.14	
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		14,782.14
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Federal Grant — Administration	350.36	
Federal Grant — Assistance	4,532.08	
Town — Administration	1,400.00	
Town — Assistance	15,481.97	
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		21,764.41
Old Age Assistance:		
Federal Grant — Administration	1,981.18	
Federal Grant — Assistance	32,678.24	

Town — Administration	1,029.48	
Town — Assistance	55,251.85	
	<hr/>	90,940.75
Disability Assistance:		
Federal Grant — Administration	1.17	
Federal Grant — Assistance	1,916.10	
Town — Administration	579.54	
Town — Assistance	2,000.00	
	<hr/>	4,496.81
Veterans' Benefits:		
Administration	5,682.19	
Benefits	9,179.55	
	<hr/>	14,861.74
Schools and Libraries:		
Schools:		
Salaries, General Expenses, Etc.	844,488.09	
Heat and Light	41,282.78	
Transportation	70,643.10	
Building Repairs	9,634.67	
Out of State Travel	511.19	
	<hr/>	966,559.83
George Barden — Smith Hughes Funds	1,297.50	
School Lunch Funds	128,056.56	
School Athletic Funds	6,012.20	
Land Taking — Schools	45,810.08	
New High School Construction	28,252.79	
New Elementary School (South Street)	522,803.28	
Libraries:		
Salaries	1,125.00	
All Other	2,167.98	
	<hr/>	3,292.98
New Heating System Feeding Hills Library	1,923.00	
Davis Library Fund	1,282.10	
Phelon Library Fund	9.00	
Recreation and Unclassified:		
Parks and Playgrounds:		
Salaries	5,113.15	
All Other	1,955.25	
	<hr/>	7,068.40
Shea's Field House		9,501.43

Unclassified:

County Aid to Agriculture	100.00
Memorial Day	304.62
Town & Finance Reports, etc.	2,245.47
Liability Insurance	6,886.76
Surety Bonds	720.00
Widow's Annuity	600.00
Dog Licenses to County	3,009.15
Board of Appeals	458.85
Planning Board	125.28
Previous Years Bills	3,919.53
Damages to Persons & Property	183.25
Insurance on Town Vehicles	3,191.28
Safety Council of Western Mass.	197.00
Business Development Commission	366.88
Tax Title Foreclosures	5.40
Petty Cash Advances	460.00
Civil Defense	4,916.63
Withholding Taxes	151,472.16
Contributory Retirement	47,692.95
Group Life Insurance	1,430.55
U. S. Savings Bonds	2,475.10
Blue Cross	13,748.69
Credit Union	1,142.00
1955 Flood Damages	840.61
Council for Aging	24.98
Agawam-West Springfield Boundary	350.14
Land Taking — Suffield St.	900.00

247,767.28

Cemeteries

1,006.00

Interest and Debt:

Interest:

Temporary Loans	4,983.42
School Loans	62,548.75

67,532.17

Debt:

Temporary Loans	500,000.00
School Loans	175,000.00

675,000.00

Agency Trust and Investment:

County Tax	30,691.83
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State Parks and Reservations	3,728.14	
State Audit	24.30	
State Bottling Licenses	20.00	
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		34,464.27
Refunds:		
Taxes	8,103.61	
Bid Deposit	10,000.00	
All Other	650.56	
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		18,754.17
Total Payments		<hr/>
		\$3,839,297.96
Cash on Hand December 31, 1957		673,965.69
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GRAND TOTAL		\$4,513,263.65





BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1957

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash — Revenue	\$629,615.31	Payroll Deductions:	
Accounts Receivable:		Blue Cross	\$ 24.90
Taxes:		U. S. Savings Bonds	349.86
Levy of 1957		Credit Union	936.50
Poll	298.00	Dog Licenses	1.50
Personal	5,505.22	Tailings	203.85
Real Estate	97,512.04	Trust Fund Income	
Levy of 1956		Phelon Library	47.13
Poll	30.00	Old Cemetery Fund	98.23
Personal	1,398.60	Feeding Hills Cemetery	
Real Estate	3,175.20	—General Care	26.58
Levy of 1955		Feeding Hills Cemetery	
Poll	18.00	—Perpetual Care	47.55
Personal	156.60	Maple Grove Cemetery	169.78
Motor Vehicle & Trailer		Road Machinery Fund ..	274.39
Excise:		School Lunch Receipts ..	5,559.81
Levy of 1957	31,444.06	School Athletic Receipts	2,591.47
Levy of 1956	3,782.70	Federal Grants:	
Levy of 1955	423.02	Old Age Assistance	21,586.16
Farm Animal Excise:		Old Age Administration	5,359.55
Levy of 1957	4.37	Aid to Dependent	
Special Assessments:		Children	6,111.35
Unapportioned Sidewalk	3,970.41	Dependent Children	
Unapportioned Sewer ..	15,835.25	Administration	4,464.26
Apportioned Sidewalk		Disability Assistance	3,912.10
Added to 1957 Taxes	31.20	Disability Adm.	1,001.63
Apportioned Sewer		George Barden Funds ..	215.72
Added to 1957 Taxes	305.60	Unexpended Appropriation	
Apportioned Sewer		Balances:	
Added to 1956 Taxes	7.77	Special Counsel-Enfield	
Committed Interest - '57	119.81	Dam	364.22
Committed Interest - '56	2.50	Building Code	114.00
Tax Titles	8,712.83	Drain Pipe	86.24
Tax Possessions	2,424.58	South St. Sanitary	
Departmental:		Sewer '56	5,009.31
Sewers	80.00	South St. Sanitary	
Welfare	3,355.57	Sewer '57	4,890.05
Aid to Dependent		Interceptor Sewer Plans	582.64
Children	1,941.85	Senator Ave. Storm	
Old Age Assistance	720.33	Sewer	1,373.89
Veterans' Benefits	276.83	Senator Ave. Sanitary	
Schools	422.12	Sewer	115.93
Water Department:		Homer St. Storm Sewer	2,419.29
Rates	17,963.06	Brookline Ave. Storm	
Miscellaneous	1,753.33	Sewer	293.47
Aid to Highways:		Westfield River Inter-	
State	21,300.32	ceptor Sewer	188,806.73
County	12,400.16	Cooper St. Sewer	2,303.22
Underestimates to be Raised:		North St. Reconstr. - '56	4,550.39
County Tax	1,978.34	Cooper St. Sidewalk	4,020.43
State Parks and		Chap. 90 Constr. - '56	4,267.02
Reservations	171.34	Chap. 90 Constr. - '57	37,907.96
		Land Taking—Main &	
		Reed Sts.	1,875.00
		Elementary School Bldg.	
		Committee	19.96
	<u>\$867,136.32</u>		

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1957

Liabilities and Reserves		Overlay Reserve for	
		Abatements:	
Land Taking —		Levy of 1957	19,133.22
Ease for Drain	2.00	Levy of 1956	4,603.80
Land Taking —		Levy of 1955	174.60
Heirs D. Crowley	150.00	Revenue Reserve Until	
Land Taking —		Collected:	
John S. Sarat	1,500.00	Motor Vehicle &	
Civil Defense - Clerical	91.19	Trailer Excise	35,649.78
Civil Defense —		Farm Animal Excise ..	4.37
New Radios	44.47	Special Assessments	20,272.54
Civil Defense —		Tax Titles	11,137.41
Out of State Travel ..	365.40	Departmental	6,796.70
Civil Defense —		Water	19,716.39
Water Pump	21.44	Aid to Highways	33,700.48
Rebuilding Cemeteries	400.00	Overestimates to be used	
Rebuilding Maple Grove		as Available Funds:	
Cemetery	340.00	TB Hospital Assess.	822.56
Rebuilding South West-		Surplus Revenue	367,749.26
field St. Cemetery	200.00		
Overlay Reserve	32,278.64		<u>\$867,136.32</u>



NON-REVENUE

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	\$ 44,350.38	New High School	\$ 19,875.90
	<u>\$ 44,350.38</u>	New Elementary School	23,269.33
		Feeding Hills School	
		Construction	1,064.66
		Danahy School Addition	140.49
			<u>\$ 44,350.38</u>



DEFERRED REVENUE

Assets		Liabilities	
Appor. Sewer Assess.		Appor. Sewer Assess.	
Revenue Not Due	\$ 18,158.38	Due 1958-76	\$ 18,158.38
Appor. Sidewalk. Assess.		Appor. Sidewalk Assess.	
Revenue Not Due	529.40	Due 1958-73	529.40
	<u>\$ 18,687.78</u>		<u>\$ 18,687.78</u>

Town Clerk

Your officer was favored with a town election vote granting tenure of office for which I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation and will endeavor to uphold your confidence in the conduct of this office.

We saw four town meetings enacted in 1957 with a total of one hundred twenty-four (124) articles presented for the consideration of the town meeting members. Listed herewith are a few of the more noteworthy votes passed at the various town meetings:

A record breaking \$2,354,816.55 by the annual meeting.

15 acres of land purchased on River Road for a contemplated School.

\$145,000. from sale of Race Track plus \$75,000. for completion of Westfield River Interceptor Sewer.

Transferred approximately 11 acres of Robinson State Park to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the erection of a National Guard Armory.

Voted to seek \$8,000. for advance planning, from the Federal Government, for the Connecticut River Sewer program.

Made 7 changes in the Zoning By-Laws mostly relating to Industrial Zones.

Changed the zoning of approximately 680 acres in one tract to Industrial.

A mistaken impression is held by some of our townspeople that with the limited town meeting only elected members may attend and be heard on matters before the meeting. The Act of the General Court accepted by the voters of the town in 1955 is specific in that any registered voter of Agawam may attend and express his opinion on matters in which he may hold an interest. The town meeting members are always willing hear any information that may serve to guide their votes.

Statistically, we were occupied with the following variety of recordings, indexes, issuances, etc.

Births (December returns incomplete as of this report)	313
Marriages	166
Deaths	113
Dog Licenses	1306
Sporting Licenses	1917
Chattel mortgages, Business Certificates, Board of Appeals decisions and miscellaneous	732

Town Treasurer

CASH RECEIPTS

Cash Balance January 1, 1957		\$1,038,649.63
From Town Collector		1,961,447.52
From Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Corporation Tax	\$ 52,009.56	
Income Tax	23,879.04	
Meal Tax	2,133.48	
School Building Assistance	82,153.44	
State Aid (Teachers' Salaries)	114,817.65	
Vocational Education	9,393.18	
Budille Inst.	602.20	
School Transportation	49,415.54	
O. A. A. Federal Grant	40,415.54	
A. D. C. Federal Grant	10,834.67	
Disability Assistance	2,356.16	
Chapter 90	20,756.63	
Chapter 718 - Acts 1956	26,244.21	
Miscellaneous	19,410.21	
		<hr/> 455,164.67
From Hampden County:		
Chapter 90	11,599.84	
Dog License Ret.	1,377.69	
		<hr/> 12,976.93
Temporary Loan	500,000.00	
Investment of Proceeds	14,312.31	
		<hr/> 514,312.81
Miscellaneous		530,712.09
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Total Receipts		3,474,614.02
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Grand Total		\$4,513,263.65

CASH PAYMENTS

To Hampden County:		
Dog Licenses	\$ 3,009.15	
City Tax	30,691.83	
Contributory Retirement	47,692.95	
		<hr/> \$ 81,393.93
To U. S. Government:		
Withholding Tax	151,472.16	

Savings Bonds	2,475.10	
	<hr/>	153,947.26
To Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
State Parks and Reservations	3,728.14	
State Audit	24.30	
State Bottling License	20.00	
	<hr/>	3,772.44
Municipal Debt:		
Temporary Loan	500,000.00	
School Building Loans	175,000.00	
	<hr/>	675,000.00
Interest on Debt:		
Temporary Loan	4,983.42	
School Building Loans	62,548.75	
	<hr/>	67,532.17
Warrants for All Other		2,857,652.16
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Cash		673,965.69
		<hr/>
		\$4,513,263.65

Municipal Indebtednes

Purpose of Loan	Year Issued	Rate	Date of Re- tirement	Yearly Prin. Payment	Out- standing
Inside Debt Limit					
Feeding Hills School Extension	1959	2%	Feb. 1969	\$20,000.00	\$239,000.00
Katherine G. Danahy School	1952	1.70	Feb. 1962	5,000.00	25,000.00
Benjamin J. Phelps School	1952	1.70	Feb. 1962	5,000.00	25,000.00
South St. Elem. School	1956	2.60	July 1974	15,000.00	220,000.00
Outside Debt Limit					
Benjamin J. Phelps School	1952	1.70	Feb. 1972	10,000.00	150,000.00
New High School	1952	2¼%	Feb. 1974	105,000.00	1,785,000.00
South St. Elem. Sch.	1956	2.60	July 1983	15,000.00	235,000.00

Trust Funds

Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	
Securities and Savings Bank Deposits	\$ 5,595.00
Desire A. Pyne Fund	
Securities	2,000.00
Mary E. Phelon School Fund	
Securities and Savings Bank Deposits	4,225.93
Mary E. Phelon Library Fund	
Securities	500.00
Old Cemetery Fund	
Savings Bank Deposits	700.00
Maple Grove Cemetery Fund	
Savings Bank Deposits	1,405.79
Old Cemetery Ass'n of Feeding Hills Fund	
Savings Bank Deposits	280.00
Feeding Hills Old Cemetery Ass'n Fund	160.05
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	
Savings Bank Deposits	87.90
Faolin M. Peirce Fund	
Securities	20,106.72

Town Collector

During the year, the following balances and commitments were collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer as of December 31, 1957.

	Committed and Refunds	Collected	Abated	Out- standing Jan 1, '58
TAXES:				
LEVY OF 1954:				
Personal	\$ 886.12	\$ 68.85	\$ 817.27	\$
Motor Excise	1,103.16	52.14	1,051.02	
LEVY OF 1955:				
Poll	60.00	42.00		18.00
Personal	1,055.70	561.72	337.38	156.60
Real Estate	680.50	680.50		
Motor Excise	2,967.27	413.87	2,130.38	423.02

	Committed and Refunds	Collected	Abated	Out- standing Jan 1, '58
LEVY OF 1956:				
Poll	350.00			
Refunds	4.00	146.00	178.00	30.00
Personal	3,854.20	2,455.60		1,398.60
Real Estate	72,355.56			
Refunds	249.20	68,849.96	274.40	
Tax Titles			305.20	352.80
Cash on Hand				2,822.40
Motor Excise	73,211.43			
Refunds	1,152.83	64,761.07	5,820.49	3,523.47
Cash on Hand				259.23
LEVY OF 1957:				
Farm Excise	341.20	336.83		4.37
Poll	8,654.00			
Refunds	2.00	7,396.00	962.00	298.00
Personal	138,249.60			
Refunds	57.60	132,616.38	185.60	5,188.42
Cash on Hand				316.80
Real Estate	1,445,804.35			
Refunds	4,045.53	1,318,635.95	32,706.69	
Tax Titles			995.20	82,375.75
Cash on Hand				15,136.29
Motor Excise	197,164.78			
Refunds	2,592.45	152,075.28	16,237.89	26,741.15
Cash on Hand				4,702.91
WATER				
Rates	133,919.89			
Refunds	17.14	115,949.27	24.70	13,226.09
Cash on Hand				4,736.97
Misc. Billings	6,157.18	4,361.85	42.00	1,053.94
Cash on Hand				699.39
Water Connections	4,090.00	4,090.00		
DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS:				
Health &				
Sanitation	12,300.05			
Refunds	10.00	11,960.05	10.00	80.00
Cash on Hand				260.00
School	1,852.12	1,430.00		422.12

	Committed and Refunds	Collected	Abated	Out- standing Jan 1, '58
Veteran's Benefits	4,808.55	4,531.72		
Cash on Hand				276.83
TAXES:				
DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS				
Welfare	11,249.10	7,893.53		3,355.57
Old Age Ass't. State	34,823.23	34,823.23		
Old Age Ass't.				
Cities & Towns	2,799.27	1,882.24	196.70	720.33
Aid to Dependent				
Children	10,229.23	8,287.38		1,941.85
Disability Ass't.	414.25	414.25		
Municipal Liens	126.00	124.00		
Cash on Hand				2.00
BETTERMENTS:				
Unapport'n'd Sewer	28,985.53	7,321.55	1,123.75	13,705.25
		*4,704.98		
Cash on Hand				2,130.00
Unappt'n'd Sidew'lk	4,056.41		‡86.00	3,970.41
App. Sewer added to				
1956 Taxes	371.42	363.65		7.77
Committed Interest	130.58	128.08		2.50
App. Sewer added to				
1957 Taxes	2,768.90	2,088.31		305.60
Refund	9.33			
Tax Titles			384.32	
TAXES:				
DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS:				
Apportioned Sidewalk				
added to 1957 Taxes	76.17	44.97		5.00
Cash on Hand				26.20
Committed Int. 1957	900.01	756.39		
Tax Titles			23.81	111.42
Cash on Hand				8.39
Sewer Betterment				
Paid in Advance	1,392.93	1,392.93		
Sidewalk Betterment				
Paid in Advance	88.20	88.20		
*94.4% Collected on 1957 Real Estate Levy				
‡Deferred Revenue				



Board of Assessors

During the calendar year 1957, the Board of Assessors has continued its rather energetic program of equalization of the various real properties. We use the word "energetic" because this program involved the actual measurement of some 3,000 dwellings, the rating of these homes in age groups, and the classification of each with respect to its general condition.

In order to avoid repetition in this year's report, the Board suggests that the reader review the report made for the year 1956 in order that he may more clearly comprehend the principles of assessment as herein applied.

Prior to the presentation of pertinent facts in regard to the 1957 equalization, the Board wishes to reaffirm that it has endeavored, with all practical fairness possible, to employ certain assessment philosophies.

The first of these principles is the application of an assessment based on one's ability to pay a tax thereon. This most certainly is not levied as directly as the principle of taxation used by the Federal Government in levying its federal income tax, but rather indirectly as may be actually demonstrated by any certain taxpayer when he may invest certain wealth, in the form of real estate, on any particular area of real property. This principle, as above stated, is measured in the form of a particular dwelling by its size; the quality of construction; the area upon which it is located; and by its age when a "used dwelling" is involved.

The second principle of taxation involves the "Benefits derived" by the taxpayer for the tax he has paid on his particular property. A yardstick used to measure his "benefits derived" is the accessibility of town services to his particular property. This involves road, sewer, sidewalk, street lighting, etc. installations as supplied by the town or otherwise. Another type of "benefits derived" is the availability of police, fire, rubbish disposal, school facilities and other services offered by his town government. These benefits are usually common to all and therefore are considered as constant as opposed to segregated.

A third principle of taxation involves the ability of the real estate to earn the tax levied thereon. This is best expressed in the consideration of any rented real estate. It seems quite obvious that real estate rents can afford to direct only a certain percentage to real estate tax.

A fourth principle involves, more or less, the human element. To express this thought in more detail, it would seem that if the above three principles were fairly applied there would be, ever present, citizens who would be unable to endure an increased tax schedule. To face this situation squarely, there are some among us who just can't possibly pay more than they are now paying. We might refer to the aged, who are attempting to enjoy a peaceful retirement on meager pension resources. Such are precarious grounds and must be treated thoughtfully.

With all of the above established, the Board's program for the year 1957 established a "filed record" of each dwelling located in our town. This record includes the foundation measurement, the porches, garages, dormers, basement, types of construction, quality of construction, age and accessory buildings located on the property. The dwellings are classified by one of four numbers, with number 1 the first class rating and number 4 the poorest rating. It follows that each number bring a change in the per square foot assessment value. The buildings are also classified by a second rating which involves age. A house ranges from "Modern" to "Aged" with either an "M" — 1 — 2 — 3 rating. Each of these age classifications allows a 10% reduction due to obsolescence. Dwellings are also classified by the number of tenements therein.

This reclassification of all our private dwellings now places, for the year 1958, all buildings on a formula basis. This has meant a reduction in assessment to some and an increase for others. It has, we believe, established a system that should be beneficial to the town as a whole, and most certainly fair for everyone. We trust this equalization may hold at par for many years and that any increase in the tax bill will be, henceforth, the direct result of a change in the tax rate.

The Board continues to hold public office hours from 7:00—9:00 P.M. each Thursday at the Town Administration Building.

The following is the report of the Board of Assessors for the year ending December 31, 1957:

Number of Horses Assessed	40
Number of Cows Assessed	13
Number of Neat Cattle Assessed	7
Number of Swine Assesed	43
Number of Fowls Assessed	2,800
All Other Livestock Assessed	66

Total Number of Livestock Assessed	2,969
Value of Assessed Stock in Trade	\$ 152,880.00
Value of Assessed Machinery	1,224,475.00
Value of Assessed Livestock	9,100.00
Value of All Other Tangible Property Assessed	772,195.00

Total Value of All Personal Property Assessed	\$ 2,158,650.00
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	3,813
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	12,152
Number of Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed	6,206

Number of 1956 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed January 23, 1957	920
Number of 1956 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed January 23, 1957	310
Number of 1956 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed February 1, 1957	670
Number of 1956 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed February 26, 1957	306
Number of 1956 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed February 26, 1957	586
Number of 1956 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed February 28, 1957	51
Value of Motor Vehicles and Trailers	\$3,669,220.00
Value of 1956 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed January 23, 1957	515,040.00
Value of 1956 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed January 23, 1957	194,470.00
Value of 1956 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed February 1, 1957	382,850.00
Value of 1956 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed February 26, 1957	418,300.00
Value of 1956 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed February 28, 1957	72,680.00
Excise Tax Assessed on Motor Vehicles and Trailers	197,164.78
Excise Tax Assessed on 1956 Motor Vehicles and Trailers, Assessed January 23, 1957	21,275.90
Excise Tax Assessed on 1956 Motor Vehicles and Trailers, Assessed January 23, 1957	9,557.40
Excise Tax Assessed on 1956 Motor Vehicles and Trailers, Assessed February 1, 1957	14,271.78
Excise Tax Assessed on 1956 Motor Vehicles and Trailers, Assessed February 26, 1957	612.00
Excise Tax Assessed on 1956 Motor Vehicles and Trailers February 26, 1957	6,578.42
Excise Tax Assessed on 1956 Motor Vehicles and Trailers February 28, 1957	2,329.25

VALUATIONS

Value of Buildings Assessed	\$19,067,364.00
Value of Land Assessed	3,519,903.00
Total Value of Real Estate	\$22,587,267.00

Value of Personal Estate	2,158,650.00	
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Total Value of All Assessed Estate	\$24,745,917.00	
(upon which taxes have been levied as follows):		
County Tax	\$ 28,713.49	
1956 Under Estimate	905.99	
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	1,693.58	
State Audit	24.30	
State Parks and Recreation	3,556.80	
1956 Under Estimate	1,137.24	
Town Appropriation	2,658,533.94	
Veterans' Service District	5,682.19	
Court Judgment	3,764.83	
Overlay of Current Year	52,987.51	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,756,999.87

LESS ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	\$ 139,548.55	
Corporation Taxes	42,921.57	
Reimbursement on Account of Publicly Owned Land	8,431.21	
Old Age Tax (Meals) C.64B, S.10	1,998.08	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	162,850.00	
Licenses	19,250.00	
Fines	975.00	
Special Assessments	23,850.00	
General Government	10,000.00	
Protection of Persons and Property	400.00	
Health and Sanitation	11,000.00	
Charities	10,400.00	
Old Age Assistance	38,500.00	
Veterans' Services	3,600.00	
Schools	57,800.00	
Libraries	125.00	
Public Service Enterprises (such as Water Dept.)	118,300.00	
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	3,000.00	
State Assistance for School Constr. Chapt. 645 Acts of 1948	83,150.00	
In Lieu of Taxes	4,800.00	
Dog Licenses	2,000.00	
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Total Estimated Receipts	\$ 742,899.41	

Over Estimates 1956:

County Tuberculosis Hospital	\$	418.53
Audit of Municipal Accounts		44.32

Amounts Voted from Available Funds:

October 1, 1956	\$118,500.00		
October 22, 1956	15,322.13		
December 10, 1956	28,957.72		
March 2, 1957	234,333.41		
March 2, 1957	24,151.66	\$	421,264.92 \$ 1,164,627.18

Net amount to be raised by Taxation			\$ 1,592,372.69
Number of Polls 4,317 @ \$2.00	\$	8,634.00	
Value of Personal Property			
\$2,158,650.00 @ \$64.00		138,153.60	
Value of Real Estate			
\$22,587,267.00 @ \$64.00		1,445,585.09	\$ 1,592,372.69

Police Department

The Agawam Police Department has completed another year of service to our Town. The year of 1957 may be characterized as a year of successful performance to Police duties in the field of crime detection, apprehension and convictions, as well as in the prevention of crime and other public services.

The Ambulance service for our town-folks during the year involved 217 cases, and 173 medical cases were transported in cruisers.

Officers Edmund Kalinowski and Edward Borgatti attended the Police Officers Training School at the Framingham State Police Academy for one month. They are the twelfth and thirteenth men from Agawam to graduate from this fine school for Police Officers.

Traffic law violations continue to increase from year to year as many more and faster cars appear on our highways. This presents a National Challenge that can only be met through the cooperation of all citizens throughout the country working together to keep our highways safe.

I wish to remind our New Citizens that part of our crime prevention work is to check their homes at various vacation periods and urge them to notify us before leaving homes vacant for this service.

Booklets on Police Services, furnished by the Springfield National Bank, are available and may be obtained at the Police Station.

As Chief of the Department, I express my fullest appreciation to the entire force. Their abilities and their loyal performance to arduous duties are to be commended.

To the Selectmen, I desire to express my sincere thanks for whole-hearted cooperation in all matters.

To our Citizens, we will strive to merit your continued confidence in us. Guarding your Property and Welfare is our privileged duty and we will expend all efforts to continue Agawam as a good community in which to work and live.

BICYCLES REG.	133
ACCIDENT REPORTS	138
NO. TRANS. MED. CRUISER	173
NO. TRANS. AMBULANCE	217
DAMAGES, INJURIES, etc.	264
DOG COMPLAINTS	279
WARNINGS-WRITTEN	346
WARNINGS-VERBAL	597
ARRESTS	712
COMPLAINTS -ACTION	937

Fire Department

All places of Public Assembly, Apartment Houses, Mercantile, Manufacturing and Storage buildings were inspected.

All schools were visited and fire drills were conducted and all teachers are to be complimented on the way the children evacuate the buildings.

A Fireman's training course was conducted for the call men and much knowledge was gained by the men attending this course.

Christmas trees were flame proofed by the firemen as a public service to residents.

As Chief of the Department I again wish to express my fullest appreciation to the entire force of Firefighters for their performance and abilities to arduous duties.

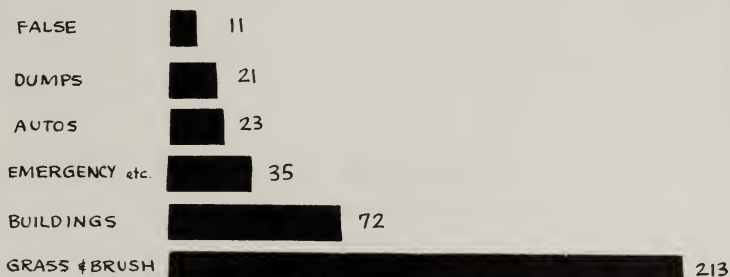
To the Board of Selectmen I express my sincere thanks for their fullest cooperation.

To the Citizens we will strive to merit your confidence in us.

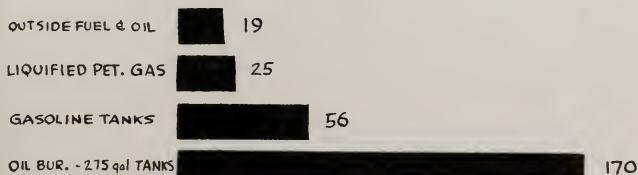
To the Police Department our sincere thanks for your cooperation at all fires.

To the Building Inspector, Highway and Water Departments our thanks for their cooperation during the past year.

Calls Answered — 375



Inspections — 270



Civil Defense

Activity in Civil Defense during the past year was at a relatively low ebb on the national, state, and local levels. Highlights of the year were the successful outdoor drills of the Light Rescue Team captained by Bud Soper and the Communications work of Radio Officer Al Jackson.

Early in March, Rescue Capt. Soper encamped his team of some twelve Explorer scouts under canvas in a neighboring town in 20-degree weather with snow on the ground. The boys endured this mission very well and received valuable experience in survival techniques and operation of the rescue truck and tools. The portable, short-wave radios were put to good use in maintaining contact with the boys at the camp some ten miles away and their parents in Agawam.

On a warm week-end late in June, Radio Officer Jackson set up an emergency communications post atop the hill in Giles Halladay's pasture in Feeding Hills. This proved to be a fortunate selection because many other similar groups were contacted throughout the country on the several short-wave bands. Most of the C.D. radio men in town took part in this day and night, round-the-clock exercise which afforded an opportune occasion to check out the emergency gasoline generators, two-way radios, and tent shelters.

The Ground Observer Corps drills were resumed early in the fall on a standby-alert basis as called by the Air Force. By arrangement with the School Department, the use of the Press Box at the football grand stand was secured for these monthly alerts and to shelter the private telephone installed and paid for by the Air Defense Command. The funds that had been allocated for GOC construction were transferred for purchase of an additional siren to augment the Warning System in the fast growing sections along River Road.



Board of Health

Due to the unexpected resignation of our Health Agent, the report of this Board will be very brief.

During 1957 we completed the Salk Poliomyelitis vaccination of all children under 20 years of age — also some others. The Flu Vaccine was administered to the School Teachers and Town Employees who wanted it.

The Westfield River Interceptor Sewer is now underway under the supervision of the Department of Public Works.

There were 113 death reported to the Town Clerk's office. The statistics on Communicable Diseases and dog bites are noted in the report of the Town Nurse.

Routine Laboratory analyses were made on milk, water and restaurant utensils. There were 212 licenses and permits issued; 154 Sanitation investigations plus percolation tests, and 57 Septic Tank Installation permits and inspections.

The members of the Board of Health again wish to express their deep appreciation to members of the Health Department staff, doctors, nurses and volunteer workers who contributed so much of their time to the polio and flu immunization programs.

The total number of nursing calls made from January-December 1957 were 3375. These visits consisted of bedside care, dressings, injections of all types, child and maternal health services. All treatments and medications are under physician's or hospital written orders.

Again the principal activity of the department was the Poliomyelitis and Tuberculin Program. Total number Polio vaccine given were 3839. The doctors who gave the injections were Dr. Mildred Hausmann, Dr. Simon Ramah, Dr. Eber Wein. Assisting were Mrs. John Cascella, Mrs. Fred Egbert, Public Health Nurses, and School Nurses, Miss Mary O'Brien, Mrs. Rupert Kane, and Mrs. James Chandler. The volunteer workers were Mrs. Earl Benjamin, Mrs. Eugene Lund, Mrs. Walter Ruckstuhl and Mrs. Frank Kusick.

The total children who were given the Tuberculin test were 365 in the first grade and the seniors in High School. The vaccine was given by

Dr. Simon Ramah, Dr. Wein, assisted by Mrs. Cascella, Mrs. Egbert, Mrs. Kane, and Mrs. Chandler.

Influenze vaccine was administered by Dr. Ramah and Dr. Wein to the teachers, firemen, and Town employees in October.

The week of June 17th Mrs. Cascella took a course at University of Massachusetts on Maternal and Child Welfare, and during the year Mrs. Cascella and Mrs. Egbert attended six interesting district lectures.

The Well Baby Conferences are continuing to grow under the wonderful supervision of Dr. Hausmann. Twenty-two clinics were held this year, with an attendance of 801, twice as many as of 1956. Completed were the series of triple antigen for whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus, 55 in all; small pox vaccinations—91; triple antigen booster—73; Polio vaccine—262.

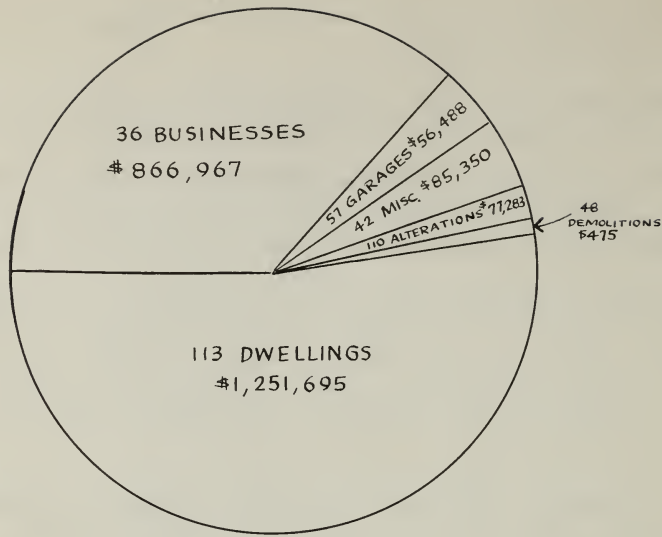
The Polio vaccine is routine along with the Triple antigen injections and vaccination. The clinic hours are 10:30—12 by appointment. It is held every other Wednesday in the Town Office Building.

Our loaning cupboard has been very active this year, but it would be appreciated if the town's people would return the equipment as soon as they are finished with it.

There were 529 communicable diseases reported to the Health Department in 1957, of these were 215 measles, 217 mumps, 29 Chicken pox, 2 Scarlet Fever, 1 pneumonia, 3 encephalitis, 8 Whooping Cough. There were 65 Dog Bites reported.

Appreciation is given to all for their cooperation with this Department.





Building Inspector

I herewith submit this annual report as Building Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1957.

In the year 1957, the building industry suffered a decline that was not expected. About June of 1957, conventional mortgages were extremely hard to obtain and V.A. & F.H.A. mortgages were just out of the picture. This caused a decline in sales and building starts. In late November, a change in policy by the F.H.A. was noticed and some contractors started to build on speculation and others on order. This was too late to materially effect the overall picture for the year.

For the year 1958, in dwellings we can expect a slow start which will accelerate to a fast pace beginning about June or July and will continue to the end of the year.

Throughout the year, this department made the usual inspections of Clubs, Bars, Grills, Night Clubs, Factories and places of Public Assembly. It was gratifying to notice that these places are in excellent order and repair and the cooperation of owners and managers was excellent.

During the year, this department condemned (7) seven dwellings and posted them as unfit for human habitation. Six of these were repaired to the satisfaction of the Health and Building Departments and one remains unrepaired, unoccupied and posted.

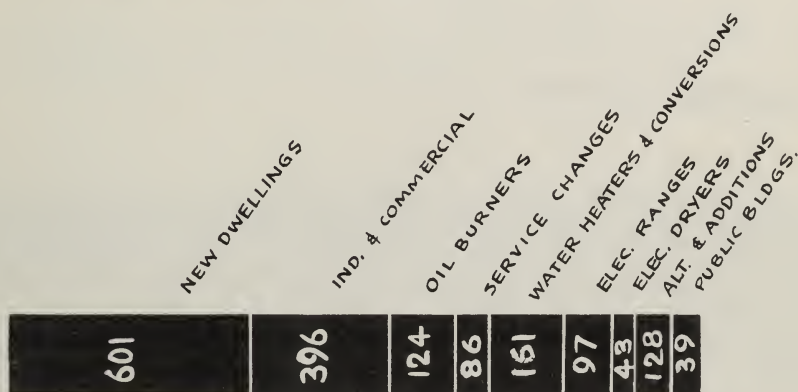
I feel that a few words should be said for our local contractors and

builders, nearly all of whom are honest, efficient and always willing to cooperate with the Building Department which assures the people of Agawam the best in construction.

There were many violations of the Zoning By-laws, with the Building Inspector as enforcement officer which resulted in a large number of warnings relating to zoning infractions which required many office consultations and field surveys.

In closing, may I state that it has been a pleasure to serve as your Building Inspector.

Electrical Inspector



My Annual Report as Electrical Inspector is hereby submitted for your approval.

While building inspections were less than the previous year, industrial and commercial inspections were more numerous.

Many public buildings have been re-inspected, periodically, and where violations have been found, the proper authorities have been notified. Most of these situations have been corrected.

There has been a great increase of water heater inspections, due to the conversion of existing metering, to the new plan offered by the Western Massachusetts Electric Company, of low rate off-peak metering.

A new phase of electrical energy is being presented in the form of heating homes electrically. This is being pioneered in this area by the Western Massachusetts Electric Company.

Plumbing Inspector

During the year 1957, 544 permits were issued for which 1035 inspections were made, covering industrial buildings, new homes, alterations, hot water tanks, heaters, safety valves, refrigeration work, air conditioning, flue pipes, outside sewers and septic tanks.

As your Plumbing Inspector, I would at this time like to express my appreciation for the cooperation shown me by all the plumbers and owners of buildings and homes in Agawam. I assure you that I will continue to do my utmost to keep the Town of Agawam a clean and healthy place to live, and be a credit to all. It has been a pleasure to serve you. Your suggestions, help and advice are always welcome.

Planning Board

Twelve regular meetings and eight special meetings were held by the Planning Board during the year of 1957. We were kept busy processing twelve petitions for amending the Zoning By-laws and four for Sub-divisions. Thirteen plans were signed that did not require approval under the subdivision control law.

The Board met with a Planning Engineering Company to discuss the possibility of developing a master plan for the Town. This is still under consideration.

Bids for construction of the limited access road from the South End Bridge to Main Street have been called for by the State. This road should be completed in 1958. Eventually it is to be extended to Route #57 and should relieve the traffic congestion in the Agawam Bridge area.

Board of Appeals

^{4/3}Thirty-five petitions asking variations from the requirements of the Zoning By-laws or the Building Code were filed with the Board during 1957.

Two petitions were withdrawn, ²seven were denied and ^{4/8}twenty-four were granted and ¹⁵two cases are pending. In several cases where the petition was granted, the Board included in the decision such restrictions as they

considered necessary to protect the best interest of the Town and neighborhood.

We wish once more to remind persons considering the purchase of a building lot or existing buildings to make sure that plans they may have for future use of the property are in compliance with the various By-laws of the Town as well as the various State laws involved.

Every year for some time past, the Board has had frequent petitions for variation of side lot requirements to allow the addition of garage and/or breezeway to an existing dwelling. The Board is able to grant a variance on comparatively few of these petitions because the courts have ruled that if a garage can be located on the lot in such a manner as to comply with the requirements of the Zoning By-laws, the desire of an owner to have it attached to the house is not a sufficient reason to grant a variation.

Lack of the consideration of the conditions cannot be considered a legal "Hardship." It is absolutely necessary to prove "Hardship" before any variation can be granted by this Board.



Department of Public Works

I. **INTRODUCTION:** The Board of Selectmen appointed Mr. Theodore Hamel Superintendent of Public Works and he assumed the responsibilities of this position on April 1, 1957.

The Department of Public Works was reorganized May, 1957 with Sections and Units as follow:

A. **Engineering Section**

1. Surveying and Drafting Unit
2. Inspection Unit

B. **Street, Sewer and Sanitation Section**

1. Highway Maintenance Unit
2. Sewer Maintenance Unit
3. Rubbish Collection Unit

C. **Water Section**

1. Construction and Maintenance Unit
2. Meter Reading and Repair Unit
3. Billing and Clerical Unit

D. **Garage and Warehouse Section**

1. Equipment Maintenance Unit
2. Stock Control and Accounting Unit

II. **MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS** (other than routine maintenance operations).

A. **Administration**

1. A system for handling work orders was established for Highway, Sewer, Water, Garbage, Rubbish, Engineering, Traffic, Dead Animal Pick-up and miscellaneous work, for the purpose of recording, controlling and computing the cost of the work accomplished for each type of service.

2. An equipment and vehicle status board was placed in the Superintendent's office for the purpose of keeping a visual record showing the condition and location of all equipment.

3. A method for issuing construction permits was set up for the use of utility companies, private companies and persons excavating and constructing within Town streets and right-of-ways. A permit fee of fifty cents for each excavation is now being charged.

4. A process for recording operational data on equipment and vehicles was put into use. (This record furnishes the necessary information for computing operating costs and depreciation.)

B. Engineering Section

1. Standard forms for Invitation for Bids, Contract Proposals, Contract Agreement and General Conditions of Contract and Technical Specifications for Town street improvements, storm drains, sanitary sewers and water main construction, were written and reproduced.

2. Standards were drawn for street improvement structures, i.e., man-holes, catch basins, headwalls, etc., by drawing structural details on a reproducible tracing for inclusion in contract documents.

3. A method for analyzing gravel utilized in Town construction work was established.

4. Application was made for a Federal Grant to revise and prepare final construction plans and specifications for the Connecticut River Interceptor Sewer.

5. Applications were made for a Federal Grant to prepare preliminary planning reports for the expansion and improvement of: Town Water System; Town Storm and Surface Drainage System and Town Sanitary Sewer System.

6. Compilation and drawing of two Town maps showing all streets to a scale of 1 inch — 800 feet and 1 inch — 1600 feet to replace a small outdated and inaccurate map.

7. Standardization of size and format of contract and record drawings was accomplished.

8. Record files were reviewed and rearranged to permit easy reference and access.

9. Plans Specifications, Contracts, Surveys and Inspections were prepared and made for the following projects constructed during 1957:

- a. Federal Street Extension Improvements
- b. Fairview Street Improvements
- c. Water Main Extensions (Meadow Ave., South Westfield St. and Spencer Street)
- d. North Street Pavement and Storm Drainage (Letendre Avenue 3000 feet west)
- e. South St. Sanitary Sewer (Oxford St. to Suffield St.)
- f. Cooper Street Sidewalk (Suffield St. to Line St.)
- g. Ellison Avenue Sanitary Sewer (crossing of proposed limited access State Highway 57)

10. Inspection of Street, Water Main, Drain and Sewer Construction in the following Housing Developments:

- a. Channel Drive
- b. Meadowbrook Road
- c. Century Street
- d. Lawnwood Street

- e. Poinsetta Street
- f. Clematis Street
- g. Cherry Avenue
- h. Thalia Drive
- i. Briarcliff Drive
- j. Wilbert Terrace

11. Survey, plan and description of the National Guard Armory Plot completed.

C. Street, Sewer and Sanitation Section

1. Streets:

a. Chapter 90 Highway Projects accomplished by Town crews:

- (1) Surface treatment of Pine Street (2000 lineal feet beginning at South Westfield Street)
- (2) Improvement of Drainage and Reconstruction of roadway shoulders of South Westfield St. (Pine St. to Springfield St.)
- (3) Repair of roadway shoulders on Southwick Street
- (4) Surface treatment of Silver St. (Suffield St. to Shoemaker Lane)
- (5) Installation of 1600 lineal feet of sub-drain on Suffield Street and South Street
- (6) Surface treatment of Meadow Street

b. Highway Projects Accomplished by Town Crews:

- (1) Widening of Springfield St. (Suffield to Walnut)
- (2) Surface treatment of: Federal Street (Main to Cooper Sts.); Central Street; Adams Street; Homer Street; Rhodes Avenue; Meadow Street Extension; Cleveland Street; Area and Roadway in front of Main Street Post Office.
- (3) Reconstruction of Letendre Avenue surfacing

c. Replacement of Subgrade:

- (1) Suffield St. (500 lineal feet) at Tennessee Gas Company
- (2) South Street (900 lineal feet) between Main and Suffield Sts.

d. Resurfacing (Hot Bituminous Concrete):

- (1) Walnut Street Extension
- (2) Cooper Street (starting at Suffield St. and running 1200 lineal feet northeast)
- (3) Town Administration Building (surfaced areas)
- (4) North Street (at Springfield St. 200 lineal feet)
- (5) South Street (at Main Street 200 lineal feet)
- (6) Suffield Street (500 lineal feet at Tennessee Gas Co.)

e. Dust Treatment:

15,539 gallons of bituminous dust layer and 5 tons of calcium chloride were applied to unpaved streets.

f. Chapter 90 Construction:

(1) Cooper Street (from Suffield St. 3400 lineal feet West)

(2) Mill Street Storm Drains (from High School to Springfield St.)

2. Sewers:

a. Installation of house connections on Cooper Street for Chapter 90 construction.

b. 112 house connections installed in 1957.

c. Cost of house connections was increased from \$80.00 to \$130.00 to cover increased construction costs.

d. 172 sewer house connections unplugged in 1957.

e. 48 sewer service calls made during nights, Sundays and holidays.

f. Westfield Interceptor Sewer Project processed, put out for bid and construction begun.

g. Shopping Center drainage ditch from Ramah Circle to Walnut Street cleaned out.

h. Drainage ditch bordering North Westfield Street, at Kellogg Farm, cleaned out.

3. Sanitation:

a. Contract made with private company to collect garbage from dwellings once a week except during the months of July and August at which time it is collected twice a week.

b. Information cards outlining garbage and trash regulations and pick-up schedules were forwarded with water bills.

c. A schedule for keeping the Town dump cleared was established.

D. Water Section

1. Water use restrictions were imposed June 19, 1957 due to emergency drought and hot weather conditions.

2. Installation of house connection on Cooper Street for Chapter 90 Construction.

3. Installation of house connections on Federal St. Extension and Fairview Avenue improvement project.

4. 75 house connections were installed in 1957.

5. The cost of an average house connection was increased from \$57.00 to \$68.00 to meet increased construction costs.

6. 180 water service calls during 1957.

7. 80 service calls made on nights, Sundays and holidays.

8. Portable high pressure water pump purchased to boost water pressure on Sunset Terrace area during emergency drought and water pressure conditions during summer of 1957.

9. After reaching retirement age and more than 20 years of service to the Town of Agawam, Mr. Louis Mercadante resigned his position as Supervisor of the Water Section, effective December 31, 1957.

E. Garage and Warehouse Section

1. Stone roller repaired and put into action after being idle for several years.

2. Concrete mixer repaired and put into action after being idle for several years.

3. An active maintenance program was established to keep all motorized equipment operative.

4. A ticket printing recording gas pump was installed to control and record gasoline used in equipment and vehicles.

5. An inventory of all equipment and materials was completed.

6. A stock control and accounting system was established.

7. A heated locker room with showers for use of maintenance men was constructed.

8. The maintenance service yard was surfaced and lighted.

F. Other

1. Westfield River riprap repaired at Agawam Bridge.

2. The following Streets were accepted during 1957:

a. Colemore Street (entire)

b. Maynard Street (North St. to Carmen St.)

c. Winthrop Street (entire)

d. Raymond Circle (entire)

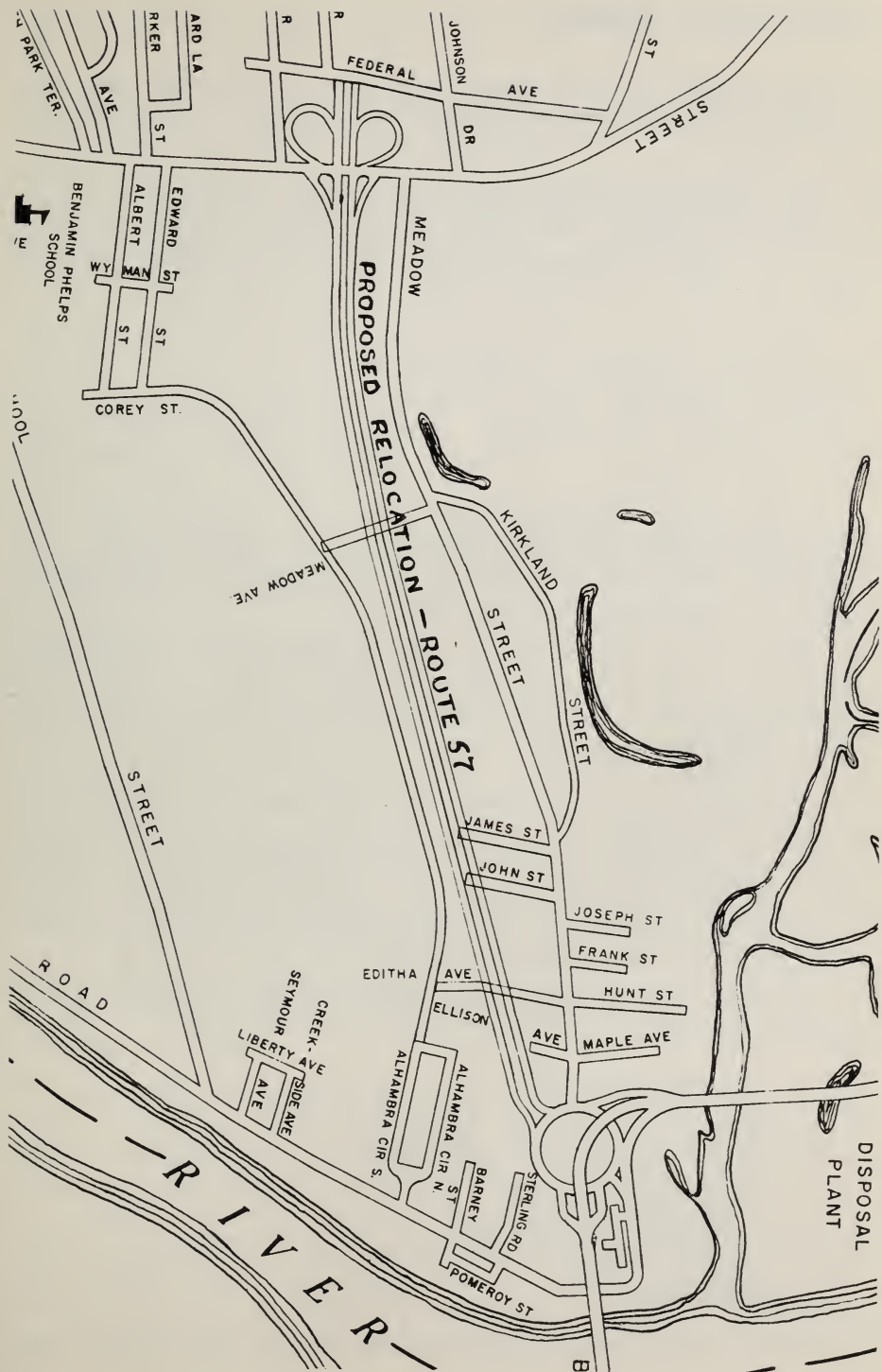
e. Virginia Street (entire)

f. Lexington Street (entire)

g. High Street (George St. to Oak Hill Ave.)

h. Meadow Avenue (extended 289 feet)

i. Cottage Street (entire)



Veterans' Agent

I herewith submit my annual report as your Veterans' Agent and Director of Veterans' Services for the Western Hampden District of Veterans' Services.

The year 1957 has been a very busy year for this department as the ever increasing growth of the Towns' population has increased our work. We are now aiding Veterans and their dependents of the Spanish American War, World War I, II and the Veterans of the Korean conflict.

These Veterans and their dependents are taken care of either through correspondence, interviews or telephone calls. A great deal of the work is filling out application forms and securing information pertaining to the particular needs of the serviceman. There are other types of aid too difficult to list in detail.

By processing applications for pensions and compensations for the Federal Government and taking advantage of the resources of our State Employment Bureau and Social Security, the Government and State hospitals resulted in a considerable financial savings.

While the Veteran himself has been regularly employed during 1957 numerous cases of illness to himself or his dependents together with hospitalization plus needed aid and assistance have drawn heavily upon funds set aside for this work.

Cases receiving monetary aid paid entirely from Town appropriations have not been too heavy this past year, but they are on the increase. This is due to the fact that we are aiding Veterans and their dependents of three wars. With the Government separating 100,000 servicemen from service by June 1958 as planned plus our present layoffs from our local factories it must be expected and planned that this load will get heavier steadily.

Listed are some of the services rendered the Veteran and his dependents this past year:

- Counseling the Veteran
- Hospitalization (Govt.)
- Medical Care Via (Vet. Admin.)
- Veterans' Benefits
- Photostating documents
- Information through telephone
- Burial-Headstones
- Employment

During the past year this department has kept in touch with the State

Department of Veterans' Services, keeping in step with the many changes in Veterans' Legislation.

This department is anxious to help the Veteran and his dependents with their problems. We ask you to bring them to this office in the Agawam Town Hall or call the office REpublic 7-2616.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen and all department heads for their cooperation in 1957 in making it possible for this department to operate so effectively.

Housing Authority

The members of the Agawam Housing Authority wish to report a year of continued effort and progress in the administration of the 44 units comprising Joseph J. Brady Village.

Admission and occupancy limits as reported last year have been changed by the State Housing Board and are now as Follows:

ADMISSION LIMITS

1 Minor Dependent	\$3900.00
2 Minor Dependents	4150.00
3 Minor Dependents or more	4350.00*

CONTINUED OCCUPANCY LIMITS

1 Minor Dependent	\$4400.00
2 Minor Dependents	4600.00
3 Minor Dependents or more	4800.00*

* In computing rents the State Housing Board has given permission for a \$200.00 deduction from total family income for each minor dependent in excess of three.

The average cost of shelter rent for two or three bedroom units (without heat or hot water) is \$45.00 per month. Each unit is furnished with an electric refrigerator and an electric range. During the year there were thirteen vacancies which were filled from applications on file.

During the past year all twelve buildings were prepared for painting. The painting contract will be placed in the spring of this year. The contract for correction of a water condition due to improper drainage has been awarded and work is expected to begin during February. Parking areas have been marked for each apartment so as to avoid congestion in one

section of the area. A normal amount of maintenance work has been done including renovation of several bath rooms, refinishing of floors and interior decorating.

The Authority has paid to the Town of Agawam in lieu of taxes the sum of \$1584.00. Effective October 1, 1957, the State Housing Board has approved a consolidation of the financial records of project 200-1 and 200-2. For purposes of financial statements and general accounting the two projects have been merged and the fiscal year for the consolidated projects will be from October 1 to September 30. Financial statements for projects 200-1 and 200-2 for the past year are reported separately and are included with this report.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 1957 PROJECT 200-1

ASSETS

Administration Fund — Third National Bank		\$ 3,833.14
Petty Cash Fund		10.00
Accounts Receivable — Tenants	\$ 952.50	
— 200-2	2,455.52	
		<hr/> 3,438.02
Debt Service Fund		8,581.25
Investments — Worcester Federal Savings	6,383.82	
— Springfield Federal Savings	7,960.20	
		<hr/> 14,344.02
Development Costs	331,000.00	
Less: Development Cost Liquidation	36,000.00	295,000.00
		<hr/> 295,000.00
Prepaid Insurance		845.12
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Total Assets		\$326,051.55

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Tenant's Security Deposits		\$ 725.00
Accrued Liabilities:		
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 864.00	
Matured Interest & Principal	8,581.25	
		<hr/> 9,445.25
Bonds Authorized	331,000.00	
Less: Bonds Retired	36,000.00	
		<hr/> 295,000.00
Reserves:		
Debt Service	7,045.22	

Operating	10,841.04	
	<hr/>	17,886.26
Surplus		2,995.04
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Total Liabilities & Surplus		\$326,051.55

INCOME

Shelter	\$ 16,364.62	
Utility Charges to Tenants	4,269.70	
Utility Charge Adjustments	4.00	
Miscellaneous Project Income (Interest)	428.40	
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Total Project Income		\$ 21,058.72

EXPENSE

Administrative Salaries & Services	729.84	
Other Administrative Expenses	484.54	
Compensation to Authority Members	158.22	
Water	810.47	
Electricity	268.52	
Gas	93.55	
Fuel & Heating Supplies	4,699.49	
Heating Labor	486.87	
Personal Services Repairs & Maintenance	250.00	
Materials & Supplies Repairs & Maintenance	738.42	
Contractual Service Repairs & Maintenance	1,060.55	
Insurance	971.41	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	1,152.00	
Provision for Operating Reserve	1,536.00	
Provision for Debt Service Reserve	1,006.46	
Debt Service Requirements	11,162.50	
Accounting Salaries & Services	729.84	
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Total Expense		\$ 26,338.68
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Deficit (Before State Aid)		\$ 5,279.96
State Aid:		
Commonwealth Contribution	6,591.17	
Reduction from Prior Surplus	1,683.83	
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Total State Aid		\$ 8,275.00
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Surplus		\$ 2,995.04

BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30, 1957
PROJECT 200-2

ASSETS

Administration Fund — Third National Bank	\$ 7,362.48
Accounts Receivable — Tenants	260.00
Debt Service Fund	3,485.00
Investments — U. S., Treasury Notes	\$ 2,000.00
— Worcester Federal Savings Bank	3,207.84
	<hr/> 5,207.84
Debt Service Trust Fund	410.41
Prepaid Insurance	330.88
Development Costs	140,000.00
Less: Development Cost Liquidation	8,000.00
	<hr/> 132,000.00
Total Assets	\$149,056.61

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Tenant's Security Deposits	\$ 275.00
Accounts Payable 200-	1,915.76
Accrued Liabilities:	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 216.00
Matured Interest & Principal	3,485.00
	<hr/> 3,701.00
Bonds Authorized	140,000.00
Less: Bonds Retired	8,000.00
	<hr/> 132,000.00
Reserves:	
Debt Service	2,448.62
Unamortized Bond Premium	2,410.41
Operating	4,787.28
	<hr/> 9,646.31
Surplus	1,518.54
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Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$149,056.61

OPERATING STATEMENT
PROJECT 200-2 — JUNE 30, 1957

INCOME

Shelter Rent	\$6,295.30
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Utility Charges to Tenants	1,483.20	
Miscellaneous Project Income (Interest)	97.92	
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Total Project Income		\$7,876.42

EXPENSE

Administrative Salaries & Services	\$ 269.66	
Other Administrative Expenses	219.31	
Compensation to Authority Members	63.92	
Water	208.79	
Electricity	130.60	
Gas	34.97	
Fuel & Heating Supplies	1,713.98	
Heating Labor	270.00	
Materials & Supplies	320.27	
Contractual Services	188.05	
Insurance	432.91	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	432.00	
Provision for Debt Service Reserve	488.62	
Debt Service Requirements	4,815.14	
Accounting Salaries & Services	269.66	
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Total Expense		\$9,857.88
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Deficit (Before State Aid)		1,981.46
State Aid:		
Commonwealth Contribution	1,620.01	
Reduction from Prior Surplus	1,879.99	
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Total State Aid		\$3,500.00
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Surplus		\$1,518.54
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Board of Public Welfare

The loss of our Agent, Walter S. Kerr, who died suddenly January 27, 1957, seemed a calamity for he had acted as head of this department for nearly twenty years. During that time the work was carried on in a business like manner second to none in the Western Massachusetts area.

The Board tried to find a local person for this position who was qualified to meet Civil Service regulations, but needing more time Mrs. Maynard, who had been with the department many years, was eligible and was certified July 1st. We trust she will continue until we can find an Agent pleasing to all.

Board meetings have been held as necessary. Financial requests for the year 1958 have increased for a number of reasons, principally due to the increase in the cost of living raise set up by the State Department of Public Welfare, and also the necessary added personnel.

Welfare Agent

On January 27, 1957 the Department suffered a great loss in the sudden death of its Agent who had acted as head for nearly twenty (20) years. During the months of May and June a great deal of work was done to find a local resident who could meet the requirements set up by the Civil Service Commission, none being found the Clerk in the Department was certified July 1st, pending the finding of such a local person.

A number of changes have been made by the Federal Government making it necessary for the State and Local departments to set up entirely new systems for claiming what is termed Federal Grants.

A case review was in process at the time of Mr. Kerr's death, which had to be carried through.

A change in budget to meet increased cost of living made it necessary to refigure each and every case budget.

A new method of authorization for medical care had to be set up. One Clerk left our employment and a new Clerk and one part time Clerk was found. A Social Worker who had formerly worked for the Department about eight years became available and has been with us since July 1st. Thus the personnel of the department has increased but so has the work required to meet the laws and policies of the State and Federal Governments.

Parks and Playgrounds

The Park Commissioners feel that last year was the most successful of any year from two standpoints. One, we had the largest attendance ever recorded in all programs, and secondly the fact that we were able to handle such an attendance on such a limited budget.

Our Summer Program increased over the previous year from 13,650 to 14,010. This was due to the wonderful weather in which we lost only one day from rain, also to our all college staff which provided the necessary mature leadership at our play areas. Our program of arts and crafts under the capable direction of Miss Jennette Barry was a tremendous success with 2600 children taking part. This program will be increased next year as we will use the Field House at Sheas' Field for a program of Arts and Crafts for the older children.

Our winter program under the direction of Harmon Smith had an average attendance weekly of almost two hundred high school students with the gym classes three nights of the week. We also have two skating rinks in operation with all ages enjoying skating. We hope to be able to put a rink in the Feeding Hills area next year.

The Park Commissioners in order not to overburden the taxpayers are working on a long range plan to bring about the necessary recreational needs of the town. Part of the plan was the field house we built last year. This year we are hoping to build a baseball field and gravelled road also in Shea's Park.

We wish to thank the many citizens who helped us through the year especially many offices in the town hall who contributed much to the success of our programs. This is one of the wonderful characters of a small town.



Sealer of Weights and Measures

For comparison of increases in annual field work by this department these are the totals for the last two years.

Scales	5000 to 10000 lbs.	100 to 5000 lbs.	Under 100 lbs.	Weights Aviordupois	Weights Apothecary
1957	1	53	144	165	61
1956	0	22	101	116	58

	Gasoline Meters	Oil & Grease	Sealing Fees Collected
1957	75	40	\$318.00
1956	55	29	\$244.90

There was about a 30% increase in the annual field work of this department in 1957.

COMMODITIES SOLD OR PUT UP FOR SALE

Commodity	Total Number Tested	Number Correct	Under	Over
Bread	56	37	13	6
Butter	56	52	1	3
Charcoal (paper bags)	20	1	0	19
Confectionery	87	66	9	12
Dry Goods	21	13	2	6
Dry Commodities	24	24	0	0
Flour	42	5	37	0
Fruits and Vegetables	172	103	44	25
Lard	12	12	0	0
Liquid Commodities	25	0	25	0
Meats & Provision	155	126	21	8
Potatoes	92	15	34	43
Cheese	26	12	7	7
Vermiculite	13	4	9	0
Totals	801	470	202	129

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Pedler's Licenses	16
Clinical Thermometers	132
Junk Scales	7
Applications to Peddle	11

Out of Town Vehicle Tanks				15
In Town Vehicle Tanks				14
Sacles & Balances:	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
5000 to 10000 lbs.		1		
100 to 5000 lbs.	33	53		
Under 100 lbs.	39	144		3
Weights:				
Aviordupois	5	165		3
Metric		76		
Apothecary		61		
Capacity Measures:				
Farm Milk Tank		1		
1 Gallon or Under		31		
Meters One Inch or Less:				
Gasoline	11	75	2	1
Oil & Grease		40	1	5
Meters More Than One Inch:				
Vehicle Tanks	3	14		
Bulk Storage		2		
Pumps:				
Kerosene-Oil		2		
Automatic Measuring Devices:				
Cloth		1		
Linear Measures:				
Yard Sticks		22		
TOTALS	91	688		14
Sealing Fees Collected \$318.00.				

NEW BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS WITH WEIGHING OR MEASURING DEVICES IN AGAWAM IN 1957

Spear Supply	Scale 100 lbs.—5000 lbs.
Bridge View Service Sta.	3 Scales, 100 lbs.—5000 lbs., 1 under 100 lbs.
Buxton's, Inc.	3 Cap. mes., 4 gas meters, 1 grease meter
Walt Atana Service Sta.	4 Gas meters, 2 oil grease meters
Hughes Sunoco	2 Gas meters, 1 grease mter
Agawam Service Center	2 Gas meters, 1 grease mter
Morses' Service Sta.	4 Gas meters, 2 grease meters, 1 cap. mes.
Gulf Oil Co., River Rr.	4 Gas meters, 1 grease meter
Meatland Market	1 Scale 100 lbs.—5000 lbs., 5 under 100 lbs.
Chef Picco Food Products	1 Scale under 100 lbs.
Atlas Shell Casting Co.	1 Scale 100 lbs.—5000 lbs.
Friendly Ice Cream Corp.	1 Scale under 100 lbs.

BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS WITH INCREASES IN WEIGHING EQUIPMENT IN 1957

Keystone Alloyed	1 Scale 100 lbs. to 5000 lbs., 1 under 100 lbs.
Agawam Food Mart	2 Scales under 100 lbs.
Wonder Meats	1 Scale under 100 lbs.
Dom Shears Market	1 Scale under 100 lbs.
Joe Shibley's Market	1 Scale under 100 lbs.
Twin Brook Dairy	1 Scale 100 lbs. to 5000 lbs.
F. W. Woolworth Co.	1 Scale 100 lbs. to 5000 lbs.
Ryan Drug Co.	1 Scale under 100 lbs.

Total increases in Scales 25. — Total increases in Gas meters 20.

Total increases in Grease meters 10.

Libraries

Our Libraries are having difficulties in meeting the needs of the growing population of the town.

Agawam Center and North Agawam need more room.

The money for books was cut about three hundred dollars for each library. The prices of books have gone up so it was impossible to buy as many as in other years.

There are more calls for non-fiction books of all kinds and for children's books.

We have asked the State Library adviser to come and make a survey of our needs and make suggestions as to how we can improve our Libraries.

The Feeding Hills Library has a much needed new heating system.

	Feeding Hills	Agawam Center	North Agawam
No. of books	8,700	8,903	5,634
Borrowers	620	1,085	1,020
Circulation	5,680	19,497	14,832

Industrial Development

Your Industrial Development Commission held its 12 regularly scheduled meetings; 5 special meetings; 3 meetings with the Board of Selectmen; 5 joint meetings with the Planning Board; 3 public information meetings. It presented its zoning program at two Planning Board public hearings; 5 precinct meetings and a Special Town Meeting. In addition the officers of the Commission attended a meeting held by the Hampden Council and one by the Area Development Corporation. A total of 38 meetings plus numerous contacts with engineers, industrialist and individuals.

The reactivated commission has had its most progressive year in presenting the towns' first futuristic business development program to date. It is the opinion of the Development Commission that Agawam requires 2000 to 2500 acres of industrial zoned land if it is to survive and compete with the surrounding communities for its share of this nation's growth. With only approximately 870 acres now zoned and with most of this occupied or unservicable, the Commission proceeded, after much study and investigation, to formulate and follow thru on its advanced plan of developing for the present and future. Through the cooperation of the Department of Public Works intensive map presentations were completed. The Public Relations Committee of the Commission advertised its intention of proposing its plan for approval to the citizens of Agawam.

Acceptance was overwhelming and the climax was reached at a Special Town Meeting where its program was presented to the representatives in a most progressive manner — with projected slides and maps. Two parcels of land were offered. One a 150 acre tract, adjacent to the Shopping Center. This was voted down — being defeated by 7 votes. The second tract, an area consisting of 680 acres bounded by Suffield, Silver and Shoemaker Lane was accepted and passed by a large majority. Several constructive changes in the zoning ordinances, backed by the Commission, were also approved at the meeting.

Other activities of the Commission were: successfully supported the Board of Selectmen in their effort to open an ingress and egress from Meadow street to the traffic circle at the South End Bridge; considered off-street parking regulations; revision of zoning by-laws and planned to support and sponsor, in conjunction with the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors Industrial Division, a tour of this area by realtors of all surrounding states.

The commission is now in the process of stimulating industrial interest in Agawam and is preparing a brochure for that purpose. We are confident that the end results of zoning the 680 acre track will show a marked improvement in industrial building in Agawam for the year 1958.

Agawam Public Schools

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

James Clark
Telephone RE 9-1564
Address: 28 Reed Street

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Junior High School Building — 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., School Days
Appointments should be arranged in advance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SECRETARY

Mrs. Kathleen Arnold

HOURS IN SESSION

Senior High School
8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Junior High School
9:00 A.M. - 3:05 P.M.

Elementary Schools
8:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Paul J. Adams, Chairman	1959
Katherine G. Danahy, Secretary	1960
Lawrence Menard	1958
Elizabeth Pond	1958
Dr. Paul Query	1959
Stewart Safford	1960

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 4, 1957 to June 20, 1958

1957

Sept.	4	Wednesday	Schools open — beginning of school year
Oct.	25	Friday	Schools closed — Hampden County Teachers' Association Convention
Nov.	11	Monday	Schools closed — Veterans' Day
	28	Thursday	Schools closed — Thanksgiving Vacation
	29	Friday	Wednesday, Nov. 27 — all schools half day
Dec.	2	Monday	Schools reopen
	20	Friday	Schools close for Christmas Vacation Regular sessions will be held this day

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Jan.	2	Thursday	Schools reopen
Feb.	21	Friday	Schools close for Midwinter Vacation Regular sessions will be held this day
March	3	Monday	Schools reopen
April	4	Friday	Schools closed — Good Friday
	25	Friday	Schools close for Spring Vacation Regular sessions will be held this day
May	5	Monday	Schools reopen
	30	Friday	Schools closed — Memorial Day
June	16	Monday	Beginning of last week of school year Elementary schools — half day Junior High School — half day Senior High School — ????
	20	Friday	Schools close, for Summer Vacation end of school year

School Committee

The Agawam School Committee wishes to report that the school year 1957-1958 again characterizes the serious problems that have been prevalent for the last six or seven years. These problems concern class room space, teacher shortages, and increased enrollments.

We are sorry to have to advise the taxpayers that we see little chance for a curtailment in tax support in the immediate future. The steady increase of homes — approximately 150 per year — with the resulting increase in school population, plus the increase in costs, makes the school committee's task a difficult one. As taxpayers we wish that we could hold the line. As school committee members we realize this is impossible.

We have attended the area school committee meetings, and two of our members attended national school committee meetings. All reports indicate that the problem is nation wide.

We have attempted to faithfully execute the policy making function, and to observe closely the administration of the Agawam Public Schools. Our visits indicate that our school system is operating well and turning out a good product. Some fifty-two percent of the 1957 graduates went on to higher education.

Courses have been added to our High School curriculum, Spanish, remedial reading and special class work. A trainable class was started on on the elementary level. The trainable class and the special class education receives substantial state aid. We further realize that other positive steps could be taken to improve education if the rooms and the funds were available. State surveys show that we operate, in regard to costs and teachers salaries, at approximately the state average.

The support of the school staff, the parents and the children has been deeply appreciated and we hope will continue.



Financial Statement

December 31, 1957

Town Appropriation	\$963,600.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund 12-31-57	4,142.78
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	\$967,742.78

EXPENDITURES

General Expense	\$ 19,763.10
Teachers' Salaries	630,702.94
Textbooks	22,665.16
Stationery & Supplies	13,853.04
Manual Arts	5,709.59
Janitors' Salaries	69,016.59
Fuel	28,572.28
Misc. Operating Expense & Janitors' Supplies	27,389.43
Repairs and Replacements	8,977.27
Tuition	9,372.72
Transportation	70,643.10
Library	634.34
Health	12,572.35
Insurance	12,056.86
Miscellaneous Expense	835.78
Outlay, New Equipment	6,817.41
High School Athletics	4,634.37
Vocational Agriculture	5,467.30
Vocational Household Arts	3,216.92
Adult Education	2,755.45
Travel Outside Commonwealth	511.19
Building Repairs — 1957	9,634.67
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	\$965,801.86

Paid by Federal Funds:

Smith-Hughes and George-Barden Funds for Agriculture	\$ 1,297.50
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Superintendent of Schools

This fourth annual report of the Superintendent of Schools comes to you with some optimistic thoughts and some pessimistic.

The optimistic point to the fact that our children are not on double sessions during the present school year 1957-1958. Some fifty-two percent of the 1957 senior high graduating class went on to higher education. Our curriculum offerings were broadened and improved in the elementary, junior high and senior high areas. Through the elementary principals constant research is carried on in the text book field. The junior high principal and his staff have inaugurated curriculum changes to broaden the program, plus ability grouping to improve education for those able to move at a more rapid pace. The senior high, not only has added an area or two, but has advanced through administrative and faculty stimulus to special work for our people going on to advanced education. We sincerely hope that staff members and administrators will continue this type of thinking which will result in a constantly improving education for Agawam.

The pessimistic side of the picture concerns the need for funds, additional rooms and a serious shortage of qualified teacher personnel. We would like to offer a thought to the taxpayers of Agawam in regard to the financing of the schools plus other town departments. Educators for many years have been convinced that the property tax raises insufficient funds to support education and other town finances. We in education, the people of the United States, State, and Federal leaders, have been convinced for many years that education is our first line of defense and is the reason why the United States became a great world power.

These thoughts are not reflected in the support for education. As a nation we make billions available for foreign aid, foreign military aid and roads. We further feel that there will have to be a change in grass-roots thinking, a change that will involve the demand that state aid and federal aid to education be changed significantly.

Perhaps it is the fear that local communities will lose control of education that has prevented the proper financial support for schools. We feel this is a baseless fear due to the controls on education which are daily and constant. The parents exert a control through observation of the education their children, the staff member exerts a control through constant evaluation of the educational system of which he or she is a part. A superintendent of schools get a daily evaluation of the operation of the school system through the reaction of parents and interested taxpayers. These controls are close and firm and we feel, with some exceptions, fair.

We mentioned in a paragraph the need for a grass-roots movement.

This would mean each of us as taxpayers contact our state and national representatives with the request that the tax base, plus the amount of taxes returned to the local communities be broadened extensively. Educators feel that this is the direction in which the Russians are making their greatest challenge to the democracies. Their leaders have gone so far as to state that they do not intend to defeat the democracies through I.C.B.M] missiles but rather through education and trade. They hope to prove to the world that communism is superior to democracy. We as a nation will have to face this challenge through an increase in support for education.

I have been in Agawam three and one-half years. The taxpayers have built a senior high school and an elementary school during that period. This effort must be classed as excellent, but surveys which the taxpayers have been given through town reports indicate that a new school will have to be constructed every two years to meet the increasing enrollment. These facts strengthen our belief in the need for more state and federal aid to support our first line of defense of democracy.

We wish to thank the parents, students and taxpayers for their sympathy and cooperation, and hope that it will continue for the improvement of education in Agawam.

REIMBURSEMENT BY COMMONWEALTH AND OTHER RECEIPTS

	1956	1957
Chapter 70 (Teachers' Salaries)	\$114,817.65	\$133,667.65
Chapter 71 (Transportation)	40,451.05	49,415.54
Agricultural Instruction	4,213.50	3,097.97
Vocational Household Arts	2,525.33	2,792.04
Adult Education		84.35
Trade School Tuition	3,345.15	2,552.65
Tuition and Transportation of State Wards	419.16	473.98
Transportation of Pupils to Vocational Schools	358.23	101.70
Tuition received from other Towns	2,280.70	1,501.00
Received from Manual Training Department	498.98	424.71
Received from Rental of School Prop.	394.00	584.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	81.44	17.06
Braille Teacher	555.36	602.20
Special Education	6,566.59	6,983.50
Unexpected State Aid	13,244.00	
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Budget Total	\$189,751.14	\$202,298.35
Reimbursements	\$813,127.00	\$967,742.78
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Cost of Schools to Town	189,751.14	202,298.35
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	\$623,375.86	\$765,444.43

High School Principal

Herein is the annual report on the senior high school.

At the beginning of this school year, for the first time since the establishment of a high school in Agawam, it was organized as a four-year senior high school. Prior to this year it has been, at different times, a six or five year school.

First steps were taken in the inauguration of a remedial reading program. Reading tests were given to acquaint the teachers with the individual pupil's weaknesses and steps were taken to remedy them. A tachistoscope and reading accelerator were purchased to facilitate the work.

Currently, school systems are giving serious consideration to science curricula because in a technological age extensive training in all branches of the subject is necessary. Four years ago, under the leadership of Mr. Langlois, the program for the entire system was entirely revised. In this building, five specially equipped rooms are available for a complete coverage in that subject area.

At this time, there is little available room in the building as all classrooms are used for at least part of the day. According to all indications, it will be filled to its capacity of 800 next year.

The highest academic honor bestowed by the school is membership in the Pro Merito Society. It attests that a pupil achieved an average of 85% or better in his academic presentation during four years of high school. The names of those so honored follow:

Patricia Arnold	Joyce Marieb
Beverly Binns	Barbara Marsian
James Bitgood	Jean Murphy
Marie Borgatti	Gretchen Prellwitz
Marilyn Cimma	Judith St. Jean
Judith Clark	Sandra Saitto
Mary Glogowski	Sonja Schmidt
Christopher Hodges	Lawrence Sherlaw
Shirley Johnson	Richard Simpson
Herbert Labb	Carolyn Thompson
Paul Langlois	Cynthia Tricinella
Thomas Louer	Irene West

The names of the winners of prizes for extraordinary work in the fields named follow:

Agriculture, American Agriculturist Foundation, Scroll James Bitgood
Art, Agawam Women's Club, \$5 Sandra Saitto

History Award, Veterans of Foreign Wars, \$10 and Certificate	Jean Murphy
Citizenship, Daughters of American Revolution	Joyce Marieb
Industrial Arts Award, Veterans of Foreign Wars, \$5 and Certificate	Richard Mills
English Awards, Anonymous Donor, \$5	Gretchen Prellwitz
\$5	Joyce Marieb
\$5	Paul Langlois
\$5	Cynthia Tricinella
Literature, Award, Agawam Women's Club, \$5	Sandra Saitto
International Relations Prize, Agawam Women's Club, \$5	Anna Marie DeMichele
Julian Magiera Student Council Award, Class of 1943, \$5	Judith Clark
Commercial, Agawam Women's Club, Stenography, \$5	Beverly Binns
Latin Award, Benjamin J. Phelps, Agawam Lions Club, \$10	Jean Murphy
Mathematics & Science, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Herbert Labb
Music, Agawam Women's Club, \$5	Carolyn Thompson
Personality Club Award, \$10	Patricia Arnold
\$10	Gerald O'Keefe
Music, Award, Band Fund, \$5	Paul Langlois
Science, Bausch & Lomb	Thomas Louer
Valedictorian Prize, Reader's Digest	Sandra Saitto
Bookkeeping Award, Commercial Department, \$5	Mary Glogowski
Vocational Household Arts, American Agriculturist Foundation, Scroll & Book	Ruth Hastings
Third National Bank, highest academic award, Commercial, \$50	Mary Glogowski
Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cataldo, Agawam Food Mart, Highest academic average, \$50 each	Sandra Saitto, Herbert Labb

The school is deeply grateful to the above named donors and also to those who gave scholarships. The scholarships and winners are not named because it is the policy of many institutions to release publicity for their own donation. Accordingly, any list noted would be incomplete and therefore unfair.

The changed organization of the school made it possible to offer a broader extra-curricular program which benefitted additional pupils.

The successful year was due to the intense interest and cooperation of Mr. Clark, the School Committee, faculty and student personnel.



Junior High School Principal

This past September, the opening of the new South school, made it possible to return all of the fifth grades, except those from the Pierce school to the elementary schools. This move made it possible to bring all seventh and eighth grade pupils to the Junior High school building. We are now housing two fifth grades, ten sixth grades, seven seventh grades, seven eighth grades and a special class, making a total of 890 pupils.

Looking ahead to next September's opening, we will be short three or four classrooms, as we are expecting twelve sixth grade classes, as well as two fifth grades from the Pierce school. We are also stepping up from seven to ten divisions in the seventh grade next year.

On the basis of the continual increase in the junior high school enrollment, I do not believe it will be possible to house the sixth grade pupils for more than another year or two. It is quite apparent that in our long range planning, we should begin to consider more space for junior high school pupils. Because of the increased enrollment, we are going to need at least three new junior high school teachers and two additional sixth grade teachers.

Needed improvements which I have mentioned before are: An acoustical

ceiling for our over crowded lunchroom and modernization of the girls basement and toilet area.

Through the profits of our annual magazine campaign drive, we have ordered for our junior high school a new trampoline for the physical education department. This unit cost approximately \$500 and is a donation which our boys and girls are proud to make to the school. We also purchased a new Hi-Fi Phonograph, several strip films for classroom work in science and several excellent reading books for the eighth grade.

Major improvements made during the past year included new shower facilities for the boys locker area, and new lighting fixtures in the auditorium. Our long range program of installing florescent lights in several classrooms was continued and seven rooms were completely redecorated. Needless to say, the building was in excellent condition on opening day.

This year we inaugurated a new Credit System for earning the Agawam school letter. Any student earning ten credits earns the right to wear the school "A". The credits are earned for many achievements or services which a student renders to his school. Credits are received for: making the honor roll, participation in extra curricula activities, perfect attendance, and many other services too innumerable to mention.

I would like to thank the citizens of Agawam for their generous support to our schools, the school committee, and to you Mr. Clark for the excellent support which you have offered to our teachers and the administration. A word of praise should also be offered to Mr. Bodurtha and our custodians who spend so many hours keeping our over crowded building in excellent condition.

Elementary School Principals

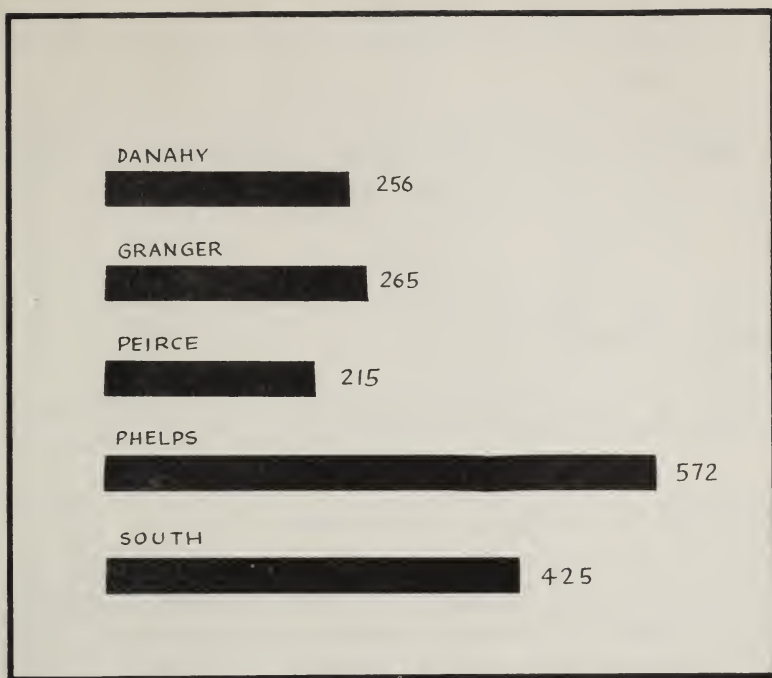
We are happy to welcome to the group of elementary schools in Agawam the principal, Mrs. Julia Crawford, faculty, and pupils of the new South Elementary School.

As a result of the addition of this new building, crowded conditions at Phelps, Granger, and Danahy were greatly relieved. The two fifth grades from Pierce are still forced to be housed at the Junior High.

The enrollment on Dec. 1, 1957 is as follows:

One of the greatest opportunities offered to the children of Agawam is the insurance plan. Each year the percentage of pupils taking advantage of this plan increases because parents are realizing the benefits received.

Banking is now carried on through the facilities of the Springfield In-



stitution for Savings. This thrift program has encouraged systematic saving throughout the town.

Collection for Freedom Inc. has been added to the list of activities such as Junior Red Cross, Phelps Scholarship Fund, March of Dimes, and Save the Children Foundation.

The curriculum has been enriched by the contributions of the special teachers of music, art, and speech.

Stanford Achievement Tests are administered annually in March to grades two, three, four, and five. In October the Otis Mental Ability Tests are given in grades two and five.

Each spring at Granger School, all elementary grades participate in a Science Fair. This project has received much favorable comment from educators in the State Department and area principals who have visited it.

All elementary principals of Agawam are members of a study group formed in the spring by the principals in Western Hampden County. Discussion of common problems and school policies result in mutual understanding.

One of the chief need in our field is the appointment of a full time

physical education teacher. The excellent work of the part time student teachers has demonstrated the possibility of what might be achieved under a full time instructor.

The success of the program in our schools is due to the untiring efforts and excellent cooperation of the teachers, and the unfailing assistance of the superintendent, school committee, and residents of the town of Agawam. To them we say a sincere, "Thank you."

School Health

Due to the increase in school enrollment the Agawam School Committee approved the addition of one full time nurse plus part time help.

The Health Department assisted in the establishment of a class for trainable children in the new South Elementary School.

Dental clinics were carried on as usual but the increased load has over-taxed the work of this clinic. Dr. Martin Dalitzky resigned due to pressure of business, and the School Committee appointed Dr. Frank McNulty to take his place.

Physical examinations were given to all new students and also to all students in Grades 3 - 5 - 7 - 10 by Dr. Ramah and Dr. Wein.

Salk vaccine shots were completed in the schools and the teachers were given influenza vaccine this fall. T. B. Mantoux tests were given to the seniors and first grade students.

As in the past we have used the services of the different clinics, the Hearing League, and the Guidance Clinics in Springfield and Holyoke. Camperships were obtained to Camp Frederic Edwards and to Camp Jollee in Goshen.

The Lions Club donated a new eye machine which has greatly aided in speeding the testing of eyes for vision screening. We appreciate this gift.

Mrs. Kane and Mrs. Chandler attended a full week course on "School Principles" and "School Nursing Principles" held at the University of Massachusetts in the spring. The nurses all attended a state meeting on tuberculosis at the state university, and Miss O'Brien attended a meeting on special classes which was conducted in Boston.

One hundred and eighty-eight home visits were made by the nurses during the school year, and one thousand one hundred sixty-nine children were given first aid treatment.

We would like to extend our appreciation to all who have co-operated with us in doing our best for the children of the Agawam School system.

Town Meeting Members Attendance Record as Submitted by Precinct Secretaries:

	PRECINCT 1										PRECINCT 2										PRECINCT 3												
Feb. 3, 1958	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
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Dec. 10, 1957	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Aug. 30, 1957	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
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Mar. 9, 1957	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
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	Balboni, Ronald A.	Balboni, Walter A.	Bassani, Benjamin S.	Bellano, Albert W.	Berteri, Peter J.	Borgatti, Romeo	Cavanaugh, Jerrie	Colli, Francis A.	Colli, Thomas E.	Curran, Donald P.	Connor, Edward G.	Danahy, Katherine G.	DeForge, Jasper P.	DeMars, Augustus J.	De Forge, Raymond J.	Desmarais, Edward J.	Gallano, Andrew C.	Jasmin, Charles P.	Kane, James P.	Letellier, Walter J.	Grady, Kenneth R.	Montagna, Michael	Parent, John W.	Pisano, Lawrence	Poggi, Angelo J.	Provo, Samuel F.	Provost, Earle E.	Raschi, Raymond H.	Scannell, Richard F.	Schinelli, John L.			
	Bonavita, Carlo F.	Borgatti, Edward G.	Buoniconi, Antonio L.	Cleary, Gerald	Daigneau, Arthur E.	D'Amato, Ralph J.	DeForge, Robert R.	Depalo, Nicholas	DePalo, Vito N.	DiDonato, Anthony F.	DiDonato, Daniel	Ferrari, Joseph R.	Drew, Frederick A.	Fleming, George T.	Gallano, Eva S.	Gibson, Clifford J.	Gravel, Charles L.	Ianello, Joseph L.	Lango, Anthony A.	Losito, John N.	Martin, George W.	McLellan, William J.	Meyer, Edward W.	Romanowicz, Antoni	Russo, Thomas	Santinello, Nicholas J.	Shea, John J.	Skolnick, Barbara	Skolnick, David	Treadway, Joseph A.	Zerra, Ronald	Donovan, James F.	DePalma, Louis

PRECINCT 4

Abell, Harry N., Jr.
Adams, Paul J., Jr.
Anderson, G. Paul
Belcher Leonard C.
Cascio, Elmer
Casiello, Thomas H.
Chandler, Gordon H.
Charest, Raymond E.
Christopher, Albert J.
Chriscolo, Frank, Jr.
Clark, James
Dacey, Frederick T.
Foote, Kenneth F.
Goss, Jean
Hall, Ernest R.
Hallock, Howard H.
Harris, Raymond E.
LaFleur, Arthur W.
LaFleur, Irving R.
Lockhart, Benjamin T.
Magovern, John N.
McGowan, Henry L.
Mitchell, Charles C.
O'Connor, Francis W.
O'Keefe, James A.
Safford, Stewart R.
Shepard, Bert L.
Snell, James E.
Zerra, Jerry L.

List of Jurors

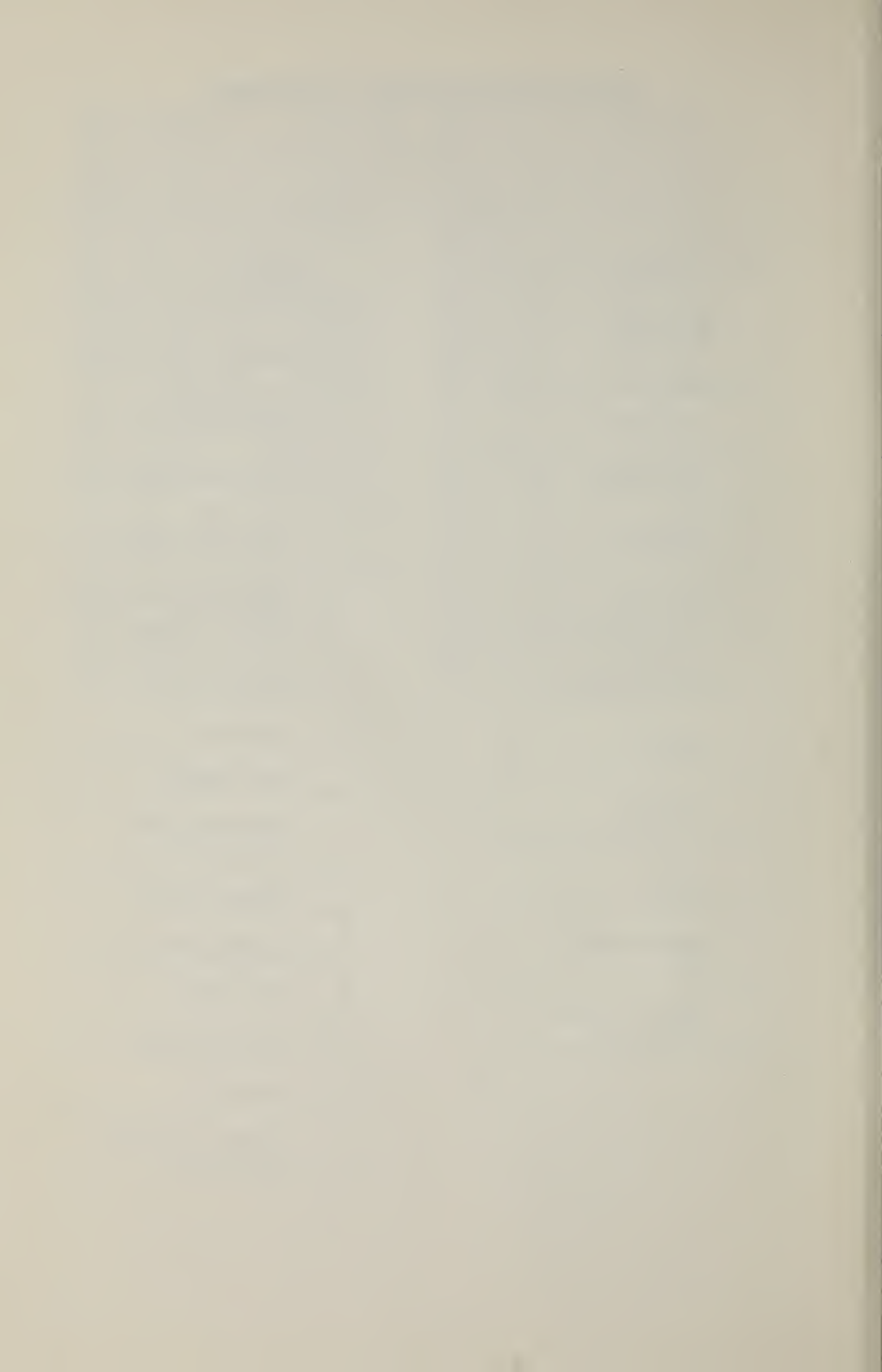
Adams, Jemima M., 27 Harding St.
 Adams, Paul J., 27 Harding St.
 Adams, Paul J., Jr., 77 Woodside Drive
 Alvigini, Albert Richard, 14 Elbert Road
 Anderson, Ruth M., 70 Reed St.
 Armstrong, G. Arthur, 22 Cleveland St.
 Arnold, Henry F., 74 Bessbrook St.
 Ashley, Arthur C., 69 Cooley St.
 Ashley, Bertha E., 69 Cooley St.
 Augustino, Felix, 12 Garden St.
 Barbieri, Raymond M., 37 Church St.
 Barden, Claude L., 1202 Main St.
 Barden, Edwin S., 80 Carr Ave.
 Barker, Beatrice M., 18 Albert St.
 Barufaldi, John S., 723 N. Westfield St.
 Berryman, Hollis E., 28 Grant St.
 Bitgood, John C., 49 Central St.
 Blackburn, Ernest, 76 N. West St.
 Blanchard, Lionel H., 644 North St.
 Blood, Adah D., 23 Suffield St.
 Borgatti, Alesmo, 108 Franklin St.
 Borgatti, Ettore A., 104 Franklin St.
 Botelho, Benjamin, 97 Homer St.
 Bouley, Laurence O., 41 Letendre Ave.
 Bovat, Edward N., 57 Broz Ter.
 Brown, Everett E., 443 N. West St.
 Brown, Noel E., 443 N. West St.
 Canegallo, George, 29 Albert St.
 Capuano, Gennaro, 703 North St.
 Caruso, Louis William, 63 Doane Ave.
 Casanova, Beatrice, 40 Church St.
 Cascio, Elmer, 17 Cooper St.
 Case, Raymond M., 816 Barry St.
 Castelli, Sileo S., 28 King St.
 Catchepaugh, Donald R., 130 Raymond Cir.
 Ceccarini, Victor J., 51 Howard St.
 Cerrato, Mariella A., 26 Edith Ave.
 Cesan, Earl J., 173 N. West St.
 Cesan, James W., 407 N. West St.
 Chagnon, David I., 72 Homer St.
 Chandler, Gordon H., 567 Suffield St.
 Chriscola, Andrew, 1135 Suffield St.
 Christian, William P., 71 Cooley St.
 Christopher, Albert J., 530 Main St.
 Chyba, Raymond R., 24 Giffin Place
 Cincotta, Louis, Jr., 600 Cooper St.
 Cirilo, John B., 1708 Main St.
 Clark, Perley E., 31 Hall St.
 Colli, Thomas E., 83 Cooley St.
 Conkey, James O., 31 Northwood St.
 Corriveau, Ruth C., 29 Hall St.
 Cremoniti, Frank J., 33 Columbus St.
 Dahdah, Bashire Edward, 265 Colemore St.
 Daley, Daniel E., 2 Pierce St.
 D'Auito, Antonio, 725 Mill St.
 Davis, Frank D., 63 Cleveland St.
 Deloghia, Mario, 305 Suffield St.
 DeMont, Norbert J., 90 Albert St.
 Dominick, Julianna M., 77 Hastings St.
 Dominick, Stanley E., 77 Hastings St.
 Draghetti, Joseph, 120 Homer St.
 Driscoll, John R., 58 Bessbrook St.
 Dube, Alphonse J., 57 Poplar St.
 Duclos, Clarence A., 54 Ellington St.
 Duclos, Edward C., 54 Ellington St.
 Dudley, Ernest, 39 Royal Lane
 Dugan, Robert E., 54 Cooley St.
 Durant, Joseph J., 91 Fairview Ave.
 Eagan, Walter J., 21 Potomac Place
 Edwards, Clarence M., 22 Lealand Ave.
 Egan, Marion R., 67 High St.
 Egan, Philip A., 67 High St.
 Egbert, Kathleen E., 130 S. Park Ter.
 Epaul, Roland, 9 Church St.
 Ferraro, Joseph R., 17 Henry St.
 Ferry, Rutherford H., 73 N. Westfield St.
 Field, Olga, 33 Columbus St.
 Foote, Kenneth F., 755 Suffield St.
 Fournier, Alfred L., 14 N. Westfield St.
 Francolini, Aldo, 32 Ellington St.
 Franklin, Hugh E., 278 N. West St.
 Freeman, Ernest G., 42 South St.
 Gallano, David C., 36 Ley St.
 Gensheimer, Elizabeth R., 13 Charles St.
 Gensheimer, Henry D., 113 Albert St.
 Grimaldi, Leo, 123 Garden St.
 Guidi, Henry N., 60 Cooper St.
 Guidi, Joseph, 24 Homer St.
 Guy, Joseph R., 30 Washington Ave.
 Hall, June W., 106 Silver St.
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